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NMC budget compares poorly to institutions in region, elsewhere

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REPORTER

Local appropriations for the Northern Marianas College compare poorly with

other higher education institutions in the region.

According to data made available by the college for fiscal year 2012, the percentage of the college's total institu-

tional budget funded by appropriations were at 20 percent.

In that same period, Palau Community College had 23 percent, the College of the Marshall Islands had 26 percent,

the University of Hawaii Community College had 37 percent, and Guam Community College had 38 percent of its budget funded by appropriations by its state or local governments.

NMC's 20 percent is half the U.S. average for appropriated budget, which was at 40 percent.

Among other peer institutions like

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Senate weighs Yumul expulsion

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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The Senate leadership now weighs expelling as early as Tuesday one of its own—floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan)—over what they say is Yumul's violation of a constitutional provision by not resigning as a senator upon Wednesday's certification of his candidacy for lieutenant governor in the Nov. 4 general elections. Yumul instead filed for "personal leave" effective today.

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» Others now on administrative leave



CAR MISHAP

Police officer Norris Kwon interviews the operators of two cars that figured in a collision yesterday shortly before noon in front of DFS Galleria in Garapan. No one was injured in the accident. The woman, who was driving a Toyota Corolla, stopped at the traffic signal in front of ABC Stores. The man, who was driving a Toyota Yaris, struck the rear of the other car. The Toyota Yaris had extensive damage to the bumper while the Corolla had minor damage to the back.

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Jury selection in Roberto trial now on its fifth day

The jury selection in the federal jury trial of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto enters its fifth day today—said to be the longest jury selection in the CNMI so far.

With no jury empanelled yesterday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona will resume the selection process at 8am today.

There are 57 prospective jurors left, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

As this developed, Manglona

yesterday granted the U.S. government's motion to prevent Roberto from submitting some exhibits due to discovery violation and notice of alibi violation.

Manglona prevented Roberto from introducing his passport and other items in his exhibit list.

The items include travel authorization from Saipan to American Samoa from March 7, 2013, to March 15, 2013, Roberto's boarding passes, his United Mileage Plus statement,

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Three loads of asphalt to plug potholes in Kagman

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Three loads of recycled asphalt were delivered yesterday morning to Kagman III's main secondary roads to cover up potholes, according to Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

He said the recycled asphalt will cover large potholes on Chopak Drive, Tuten Drive, and Pine Drive.

"This will be temporary to cover the holes that damage the cars that pass by and help the community while we try and move forward with the Kagman road project," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said the Saipan Mayor's Office asked Hawaiian Rock

for the recycled asphalt and the request was fortunately granted.

Deleon Guerrero said that a grader will be arriving today, Aug. 15, in Kagman to plug the potholes.

Rep. Antonio R. Agulto (Ind-Saipan) is also urging the Department of Public Works to move ahead with the project to pave Kagman roads.

In an Aug. 5 letter to DPW Secretary Martin C. Sablan, Agulto said: "On numerous occasions, the good people of Precinct 5 have vocally aired their concerns regarding the poor conditions of several secondary roads in Kagman."

"They continue to be extremely patient as they continuously deal with unsafe and hazardous roads that affect the safety and welfare of the entire community," he added.

This came after Deleon Guerrero disclosed that they met with the Commonwealth Development Authority, Office of Management and Budget, and DPW in expediting the process.

Agulto wants the progress to quicken to ensure safety for Kagman residents.

In an earlier interview, Deleon Guerrero said that an invitation to bid is out for the project to move forward.

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Leidos updates CUC board on Integrated Resource Plan

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REPORTER

Leidos Engineering LLC updated the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors on Tuesday on where it is at in determining an energy solution plan for CUC.

Leidos representatives Charles Janecek and Fred Wellington highlighted the four primary challenges that CUC faces with the Integrated Resource Plan and how they would approach the challenges.

These challenges include converting inexact economic and resource data into a robust and actionable plan, transitioning to new generation technologies or fuels, conducting a robust request for proposal that leads to new supplier relationships, and addressing stakeholder concerns and communicating results.

Janecek said that most islands face a "unique IRP" constraint due to a "self-contained" grid and heightened economic uncertainty, and high electric rates.

He said that CUC needs sophisticated modeling platforms and analytics related to relationships between weather, economic activity, and load; co-optimization of costs of variable baseload resources both generation and capacity and fuels, and rate impacts and design.

He told board members that CUC needs a better RFP process to get stakeholders' and political acceptance.

"A credible process is critical to generate sufficient market interest in the RFP due to the small nature of the system and geographic location. Moreover, CUC needs a formalized, structured approach to ensure optimal decision making," Janecek said.

CUC board chair David Sablan Jr. said that CUC has to go to a higher level to reach the IRP that Leidos presented so that CUC would be a more reliable and better utility service for the CNMI.

Janecek said that stakeholder engagement can drive a proactive message with customers.

"This is best accomplished through a structured engagement process and stakeholders engagement can also help align CUC's expectations with customers, governing bodies, and other interested parties," he said.

Janecek said that they wanted the CUC board to get an early input on how the IRP will play into the future of CUC.

The integrated resource plan's purpose is to determine the best combination of both base-load and renewable energy sources capable of providing reliable power at the lowest price to consumers.

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ON AIRPORT MASTER CONCESSION DEAL

Inos: There's enough room for discussion'

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that there's enough room for discussion between the Commonwealth Ports Authority and Duty Free Shoppers on the existing Saipan airport master concession agreement. Only after the parties sit down together that a next course of action could be taken, including whether to extend or amend the concession deal, or put out a request for proposals, he said.

"I encourage them to meet and discuss whatever can be improved... And what is it exactly that CPA wants to see in the next term [of the agreement]? Even before the agreement expires, if there's an impasse, maybe an RFP can be issued," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*.

The airport master concession agreement between CPA and DFS expires in November 2015.

Governor to host dinner for US lawmakers on Sunday

Visiting members of the U.S. House of Representatives with oversight on insular areas will be treated to an island dinner on Sunday night, with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other local officials hosting the welcome reception at the beach side of Fiesta Resort & Spa.

U.S. House Natural Resources Committee chair Doc Hastings of Washington and Subcom-

mittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs chair John Fleming of Louisiana are among those expected to be a part of the so-called congressional delegation, accompanied by the CNMI's own delegate, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

The governor said the dinner reception is a "social event" and there is no formal meeting

scheduled, although he hopes to bring up the issue of still pending bills in Congress that extend the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applicants beyond 2014.

The same bills also extend the CNMI-only investor visa program and the CNMI and Guam's exemption from the H visa caps beyond 2014.

lieutenant governor in the Nov. 4 general elections. He is running with former House speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider.

Torres, the current Senate president, is also running as lieutenant governor under the Republican Party. Unlike Yumul, Torres' term as senator expires in January. Torres' running mate is Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

"The Constitution takes precedence over politics," Hocog said.

Hocog said the Senate could not just sit idle and continue to allow a constitutional violation.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that he hopes Yumul would "do the right thing."

For days now, Yumul has not been responding to calls and texts for an interview regarding his standing at the Senate. His office on Capital Hill remains open as of yesterday. He continues to campaign, including a meeting last night with a group of young voters whose parents are longtime foreign workers in the CNMI.

Yumul, however, sent out three memos on Tuesday, a day before the Commonwealth Election Commission's certifi-

cation of candidacies, copies of which were obtained yesterday.

The first memo, addressed to the Senate president, states that Yumul will be "on personal leave beginning Friday, Aug. 15, 2014." The memo does not say when he plans to return from personal leave.

Yumul asked to be "excused from any meetings or sessions during this time." He said any inquiries may be forwarded to his office via Kory Sablan, or through Kimberly Reyes at the office of Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan).

In the second memo also addressed to the Senate president, Yumul said he authorizes Kory Sablan and Kimberly Reyes "to oversee and manage my office during my leave of absence beginning Friday, Aug. 15, 2014."

"They will be in charge of processing any re-occurring billings and to wrap up the office and its accounts in anticipation of the end of the fiscal year," Yumul told Torres.

In a third memo, Yumul told the Senate president that in light of his being on personal leave starting today, he is delegating Sen. Frank Cruz

of that responsibility," Hart said in an interview this week.

Saipan Tribune reported earlier of Hart's threat to halt the college's new bachelor's degree in business management as well as tuition hike by 30 percent if the Legislature fails to provide for its maintenance of effort needs.

Also, data was reported to show how direct appropriations for the college have been on the decline since 2009.

Rizzg Awit, a second year student who intends to eventually major in business management, hopes the new program isn't scrapped due to budget reasons.

"I really want to go through [with] this," he said.

He understands, though, that "money is literally everything,"

and that if the degree is halted he will have to change his plans.

"If not, I'll go for my AA [in business], then go to Guam," Awit said.

Another student, Kevin Fejeran, a second year student in computer applications, has plans to get his associate degree at the college and then transfer to Guam for his bachelor's.

However, he said a 30-percent hike in tuition will hurt him because he solely pays for his tuition with scholarships and aid, and along with the cost in books, if scholarships don't cover a higher tuition, then students may not attend the college or it would take them much longer to graduate.

"It doesn't look like education

is in the priority right now, especially with the funding," Fejeran said, on the local government's proposed budget and the decline in direct appropriations.

Fejeran said he would like to return to the islands to work, and would love to see the college expand its programs if it could receive more funding.

One thing he'd like to see, he said, was a culinary arts program, and more funding for computers, as well as classrooms so that more students can be accommodated.

According to him, all six of the available classes for the math course he wanted to take were closed.

"I need a math class and everything is full," he said.

board," he said.

Toves, who once again heads the CPA board's Airport Facilities Committee, said their recommended assessment by an independent consultant will take into account the major impacts that will be brought by a newly signed \$3.14 billion exclusive Saipan casino development agreement.

"The current master concession agreement does not address future developments such as something as big as the casino development. We need to have a study on the impact of this, as we would see an increased influx of tourists," Toves, representing Rota on the CPA board, said in a phone interview.

After that independent assessment is done, he said CPA can decide the next course.

"And it's important that we start the process moving, what direction we're going to take,"

he said.

Toves said CPA is looking at new models for the master concession agreement, including the ones implemented in the region.

"In the end we want to see something that best benefits the CNMI as a whole," he said, adding that it could be a master concession or a sub-concession.

He said all options are on the table until an assessment is made, and like what the governor stated, these options include improving on the existing agreement or issuing an RFP.

Toves corrected a previous statement that CPA is open to unsolicited proposals. He said he was only referring to ideas—not proposals—on the airport master concession agreement.

Toves is also a member of three of CPA board's committees: Financial Affairs, Seaport Facilities, and Personnel Committees. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

PENSION

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a special session yesterday a bill appropriating \$2 million of that \$30 million for Rota retirees' deferred 25-percent pension, among other things.

The Saipan casino law requires the Rota and Tinian legislative delegations to each pass an appropriations bill for their respective senatorial districts' retirees. The Tinian delegation already passed such a bill early this week.

The expenditure authority is the Department of Finance.

By a vote of 4-0, Rota lawmakers passed House Local Bill 18-58, Draft 1 at 3:20pm.

The votes were from delegation chair Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Sen. Jovita Taimanao (ind-Rota), and Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Hocog offered a floor amendment that the members adopted.

Under the passed local bill as amended, \$1,619,706.87 will go toward the restoration of the 25-percent deferred pension of retirees and surviving beneficiaries from Rota, either currently residing on or outside Rota.

Each retiree or beneficiary will receive a lump sum payment of the 25-percent pension cut from Oct. 15, 2013, to Aug. 15, 2014.

JURY

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that the defendant was not on Saipan from March 7, 2014, to March 15, 2014.

Lujan said one of the alleged victim alleged that Roberto had had sex with her on March 12, 2014, and on March 13, 2014.

"It is clear that the government is more interested in scoring a conviction in complete disregard for the evidence in this case as opposed to serving the ends of justice," Lujan said.

The indictment alleged that Roberto persuaded three underage girls to have sex with him from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013. In the witness tampering case, it was alleged that while Roberto was detained pending trial, he attempted to influence the testimony of an individual on April 24, 2014. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

NMC

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Northern New Mexico College, Great Basin College, Chipola College, as well as GCC, NMC had the largest amount of its budget provided for by federal grants, at 66 percent.

The data was presented to the Senate by NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart and other college officials this week as a part of a "major plea," according to Hart, to the Legislature to meet the college's needs.

"We're going to have to pay more now to support NMC than any of our student counterparts across the Pacific. Our own local government is assuming less

Torres: No reason to delay final judgment vs Quichochos

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REPORTER

Attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for businesswoman Jung Ja Kim, says there are no reasons to require the federal court to further delay the issuance of a final judgment in Kim's racketeering lawsuit against lawyer Ramon K. Quichochos and his wife, his law firm, and their company.

Torres said that Kim unequivocally and amply satisfied both the open-ended and close-ended criteria to establish a pattern of racketeering in this case as reflected in the unanimous verdict issued by the jury and the wealth of evidence supporting it.

Given the "pattern" of repeatedly using debit and credit cards to establish and maintain Latte Stone's operations and the use of wire transfers to get hold of and operate Kim's property, the acts were "related" as the use of the wires were regular, not sporadic, and the perpetrators as well as the victim were the same, said Torres.



Quichochos

Torres gave these arguments to oppose the Quichochos' motion for a judgment in their favor notwithstanding the verdict.

Torres said there were substantial evidence to support the jury's verdict that Quichochos, his wife Frances, Quichochos' law office, and Karissa LLC violated and conspired to violate the Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act.

The Quichochos asserted that Kim failed to present any evidence that the predicate acts "were the same or similar in purpose, results, participants, victims, or methods of commission."

Torres disagreed, saying this is a hollow and unsupported assertion.

He said the defendants, in their motion, purposefully choose to ignore the substantial evidence of the scheme to take over and destroy Kim's businesses: an appropriate RICO claim.

The jury trial in Kim's racketeering lawsuit against Quichochos and co-defendants lasted almost two months.

The nine jurors reached a

unanimous verdict on March 28, 2014, holding the defendants liable to pay \$2.4 million in damages to Kim.

The jury, however, found Kim liable to pay Quichochos and his law firm \$48,221.67 in legal fees.

Quichochos and co-defendants, through counsel Michael Dotts, had asked the court to issue a judgment favoring them despite the jury's guilty verdict.

Quichochos and Dotts said that Kim failed to present any evidence related to money laundering or wire fraud.

Furthermore, Quichochos and Dotts said, Kim failed to show a pattern of racketeering activity.

In the alternative, the Quichochos asked the court for a new trial based on juror misconduct.

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Mandatory foreclosure mediation for houses pushed

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REPORTER

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) introduced a bill establishing foreclosure mediation for all principal residences, saying this will help families avoid losing their homes

in times of financial difficulties.

"It's a win-win bill especially for the homeowners. Many of our people are losing their homes due to financial constraints, either because of unemployment, death or medical expense of a family member, 25-percent cut

in pension, etc. I hope this bill will alleviate foreclosures of primary residential," Maratita, a Saipan senatorial candidate, told *Saipan Tribune* Wednesday.

House Bill 18-203 establishes a program assuring the availability of mediation and

application of the federal Home Affordable Modification Program, or HAMP, requirements on foreclosure of a mortgage on any dwelling house of four units or less that is occupied by the owner as a principal residence.

This only applies to foreclo-

sure actions involving loans that are subject to the federal HAMP guidelines.

Under the bill, a qualified mediator is someone licensed to practice law in the state and is required to have taken a specialized, continuing legal education

course on foreclosure prevention or loss mitigation approved by the CNMI Bar Association.

The parties' rights in a foreclosure action are not waived by their participation in mediation under the bill.

A. Samoa gets \$10M CIP grants

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced yesterday more than \$10 million in grant assistance to the American Samoa government through the Office of Insular Affairs' Capital Improvement Project Program. Funds will support a number of critical infrastructure projects in the territory, improving its transportation, health and educational services.

"These grants represent our commitment to the people of American Samoa and we are pleased to be supporting the efforts of Gov. Lolo Moliga in his efforts to improve the quality and standard of living in the territory," said Kia'aina.

The following grants were awarded:

■ \$1,500,000 for the rehabilitation of the debilitated Service Wharf;

■ \$1,544,180 supporting the design and construction of a multi-purpose passenger/cargo ferry to the Manu'a Islands;

■ \$300,000 a local match for Federal Aviation Administration-Airport Improvement Program projects at American Samoa airports;

■ \$2,500,000 for the design and renovation of the existing labor delivery room, nursery, and operating suite at the Lyn-

don B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center;

■ \$2,600,000 to complete the construction of a Multipurpose Building at the American Samoa Community College;

■ \$1,000,000 to purchase new school buses to alleviate overcrowding;

■ \$100,470 for the operations of the CIP Administration Office; and

■ \$502,350 for operations and maintenance of CIP projects

"I am pleased that the department continues to be able

to support the government of American Samoa with meaningful infrastructure projects to provide critical resources that will help boost economic development and bolster the territory's transportation, health and education systems," Kia'aina said. "I am particularly excited to be working with LBJ to improve their facility, increasing patient capacity and making the first meaningful expansion of the labor delivery room. We realize that in a challenging fiscal environment with fewer federal resources, infrastructure projects such as these are important to island communities and would not be possible without local leadership and the continued support in Congress." (OLIA)

Judge dismisses Sablan, JG Sablan Rock lawsuit vs DPL

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REPORTER

The federal court on Wednesday dismissed businessman John T. Sablan's and his JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc.'s lawsuit against the Department of Public Lands over a mining permit issue.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed with prejudice the lawsuit following the parties' request after they reached a settlement deal.

Dismissed with prejudice means the case cannot be reopened again.

Manglona said the court has reviewed the settlement agreement and shall retain jurisdiction to enforce that deal.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, as counsel for Sablan and JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc., and assistant attorney general Peter B. Prestley, as counsel for defendant DPL, recently filed in court a stipulated dismissal.

Dotts and Prestley informed the court that having reached a settlement, they agree to the dismissal of the lawsuit, with all parties to bear their own fees and costs.

The lawyers asked the court to retain jurisdiction to enforce their settlement agreement. They submitted their settlement deal to the court for review.

Sablan and JG Sablan Rock Quarry reportedly reached a \$4.8-million settlement with the CNMI government in connection with the company's legal battle with DPL that began in 2006 when DPL terminated JG Sablan's mining permit.

At a settlement hearing last June 24, Dotts disclosed that Sablan has agreed to pay \$4,806,867 to the CNMI government and the latter will issue a mining permit for Pagan Island.

The length of the permit will be for 20 years, with a \$100,000 permit fee payable in 120 days from its execution.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MIFICPA Breakfast Forum on Saturday

MIFICPA Accountancy Month celebration continues! This Saturday, MIFICPA will have a Breakfast Forum at Joeten-Daidai Social Hall, with Rose Soledad, IT&E managing director, as guest speaker. She will talk about "What Makes a Great Accountant Stand Out." She will highlight the new role of the proactive accountant in these changing times. (MIFICPA)

MHS student orientations set

Marianas High School will be having the orientation for school year 2014-2015 as follow:

■ Aug. 22: Incoming Sophomores and Juniors, 9:30am-11:00am, School Gym

■ Aug. 22: Incoming Seniors, 1pm-2:30pm, School Gym

■ Aug. 26: Incoming Freshmen, 9:30am-11:30am, School Gym

Returning students are required to bring an updated Health Certificate and Student Insurance. Parents are highly encouraged to participate. (MHS)

OVR counselor on Rota

This is to inform the public that a vocational rehabilitation counselor will be on Rota from Aug. 20 to 21 at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Receiving Center in Songsong Village. If you know anyone who has a disability, wants to work, and is interested in receiving VR services, contact the OVR Staff at 322-6537/38, or Elizabeth Kani at 532-9351/4 or 286-2013. (OVR)

Managaha beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Managaha beach near the *pala-pala* and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. Samples collected from this site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. (DEQ)

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Lot size cut among options for Saipan homestead applicants

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REPORTER

Reducing the standard 1,000 square meters for each residential homestead lot and building condominium-type structures are among options that could help accommodate over 3,000 families on the waiting list for homesteads on Saipan where public land is now limited. But Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said yesterday he is seeking input from the general public on options they think could best address Saipan's homestead needs.

Tenorio brought up the issue

» DPL seeks public input

during the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee's hearing on DPL's fiscal year 2015 budget of \$3.399 million yesterday.

This is some \$2 million less than DPL's 2014 budget of \$5.26 million, only because the 2014 budget includes \$2 million for homestead projects that are now moving forward.

Senators took turns asking DPL about the homestead programs on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Unlike other agencies, DPL did not ask for more appropriations from lawmakers.

Tenorio told the senators that because of limited public lands on Saipan for home-

steading, there are still over 3,000 on the waiting list.

"We're running out of public lands," Tenorio told senators.

The DPL secretary said it's about time the Legislature start thinking of amending policies and statutes to more practically accommodate families' housing needs, given the current reality of limited lands.

Hocog, during discussion,

said DPL could look into condominium-type or multiple-story buildings to accommodate multiple families on limited public lands. Tenorio said this is one option.

But Tenorio later said this could be costlier for the government. However, private investors could partner with the government to build the properties.

Another option is reducing

the 1,000 square meters which is currently the standard size so that more families can be accommodated in limited public lands on Saipan.

"There's about 3,000 homestead applicants for residential lots. If you multiply 3,000 by

1,000 square meters, that's 3 million square meters of land, that's 300 hectares. We cannot find a location that would accommodate that many," Tenorio said in an interview. "Practi-

cally speaking, we cannot accommodate the number of applicants with the available land now if we continue on with the existing practice of giving out homestead lots the size of about 1,000 square meters each to build a house."

Tenorio said DPL is hoping that the public would also start coming up with suggestions.

"We need ideas to meet the challenge of tomorrow," he added.

Head Start meets yearly standard

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The CNMI Head Start program has met its funded enrollment of 462 students for school year 2013-2014, according to its director, Melissa Palacios.

This number is the required amount of enrolled students the schools must have during the school year in keeping with federal guidelines.

"At no point during [last] school year did we go below the funded enrollment," Palacios said.

According to her, the total cumulative enrollment was 492 children, as some children moved to another school or moved off-island.

Of the cumulatively enrolled children, zero of them were 1 or 2 year olds.

According to Palacios, a total of 140 3-year-old students were served, while 343 children were 4 years old.

Some 122 of these children were in the program for their second year, with two being in their third year.

Updates on the program were

given yesterday at the Head Start Policy Council meeting through the disseminated school year 13-14 Program Information report, which was reviewed and approved by the council.

The PIR gave updates on minimum qualifications of Head Start instructors, which are a bachelor's degree in early Head Start education or in a related field such as elementary education.

Part of the report covered child and family services as well as the overall health of Head Start's children.

The program assists students and families in health issues by providing them with referrals to health care services.

The program successfully referred 455 children for health insurance, while 297 children had up to date immunization, according to Palacios.

On information relating to Head Start staff, the PIR also noted positions that have not been filled for three months or longer. Two positions remain open, one in a Tinian center and the other in a Kagman center.

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Voting yes to H.L.I. 18-12

On Nov. 4, voters will decide to amend a 29-year-old constitutional provision that is critical to meeting the needs of public education and the commitment for smaller class sizes, full day kindergarten classes, classroom instruction materials and instructional technology, and continuous school improvement and modernization of school facilities.

House Legislative Initiative 18-12 proposes to increase the guaranteed funding level that PSS must receive—from government revenue sources for its annual appropriation—by an additional 10 percent, from the current 15 percent, raising it to 25 percent.

In fully supporting H.L.I. 18-12, both the House of Representatives and the Senate acknowledged that increasing the minimum guaranteed funding for public education will also reflect the actual cost PSS spends in services and opportunities for a growing student population.

At the close of school year 2013-2014, PSS served close to 11,000 students enrolled on 19 campuses and 10 Head Start centers spread throughout Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

'Untouched for 29 years'
The current funding level for PSS is one of the "most important amendments" put forward

by delegates to the 2nd Constitutional Amendment.

On April 21, 1985, all 24 delegates voted and passed Amendment 38, which provide that PSS "would receive not less than 15 percent of the general revenues" of the Commonwealth. This amendment formed part of the constitutional provision that provided for an elected Board of Education and the establishment of an autonomous Public School System.

All 44 proposed amendments, including Amendment 38 recommended by all 24 delegates, were approved by CNMI voters in the 1985 general elections.

Since then, however, the PSS funding provision in the Constitution remained untouched.

Current findings

The House Health, Education and Welfare Committee in its findings pointed out that over the last 29 years, the existing "15 percent" minimum funding guarantee for PSS did not reflect the actual cost of providing public education to a growing public schools' student population.

The seven-person committee also agrees with PSS and the Board of Education that, through H.L.I. 18-12, it will "help assuage the uncertainty of funding that prohibits [PSS] from future planning."

PSS is a non-revenue gener-

ating instrumentality that relies heavily on state funding, and competes against other government departments and agencies in government revenue sources for its annual appropriation for operations.

It is also a single largest instrumentality in terms of employees, stakeholders and students served, and facilities maintained and operated.

Still, by comparison, the school district's funding level is not reflective of the growing cost of classroom learning, the House committee added and agrees with PSS.

"Funding needs have risen due to factors such as the increase of diverse student population and the vital need for public schools to provide rigorous curriculum in a broad range of subject areas, well-trained teachers, programs and assistive technologies that aid in promoting higher learning," the committee pointed out.

Four areas

Voting to approve H.L.I. 18-12 in the Nov. 4 general election is to support four critical areas that will directly benefit from the intent of the initiative. They are: 1) Full-time, Full-Day Kindergarten Programs for all 5 year olds, 2) Classroom Instruction Materials and Instructional

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CCA sponsors 1st oral cancer awareness event

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, in partnership with Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health Service, CHCC Dental Clinic, Dental Care, New Wave Dental, Smile Marianas, and Toothworks, are offering free oral cancer screening for all ages.

"The dental community needs to be the first line of defense against oral cancer," said Dr. Pierson of the Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic. "Just performing 'opportunistic' three-minute oral cancer screenings of the existing patient population that visits a dental office every day could have a profound impact on our ability to discover [oral cancer] at earlier, even precancerous, stages. This could help us dramatically reduce the mortality and morbidity of this disease."

Unfortunately, for many individuals who are newly diagnosed with oral cancer, their cancer is often found when the disease is already in its late stages. The good news is it does not have to be this way, that is why the CCA, Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic, the Division of Public Health and all of the dental clinics in the CNMI are teaming up to do free oral cancer screening for early detection of oral cancer.

Dental clinics in the CNMI will begin the free oral cancer screenings on Friday, Aug. 15, and everyday forward for all ages. Dental clinics in the CNMI who have signed up to conduct the screenings include the Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic at 234-6323, Division of Public Health Service-CHCC Dental Clinic at 236-8369, Dental Care Clinic at 233-1100, New Wave Clinic at 233-3300, Smile Marianas Clinic at 235-2378, and Toothworks Clinic at 234-3810. Individuals wishing for more information about the free screenings and the clinics offering the service may call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or via email at ccamarianas@gmail.com for more information. (CCA)

private elementary and secondary schools, as well as the postsecondary schools to aid in disseminating the word about the importance of oral health and oral cancer screening.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public service charity that provides information, direct financial patient support, survivorship, patient navigation, and advocacy related to this disease and other cancers.

You can contact the CCA at telephone 682-0050, by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or log on to www.ccamarianas.org website for more information about the CCA and its programs. (CCA)

The CCA hopes through public awareness campaign about oral cancer that our community will learn about the risk factors and early warning signs/symptoms of oral cancer and be better prepared to see a dentist or doctor for further evaluation.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be kicking off this campaign with the 1st Annual Oral Cancer Awareness proclamation signing on Friday, Aug. 15, at 11am at the governor's conference room. The association will also be aligning with the public and

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Technology, 3) Class-size Reduction, and 4) Continuous School Improvement and Modernization of School Facilities.

PSS currently provides for a half-day Kindergarten classes for 5 year olds. At the close of school year 2013, over 500 availed of this program. Data culled by the school district showed that the number of children that could avail of the program could increase by 40 percent more if there is funding to support full-time, full-day classes.

With Classroom Instruction Materials and Instructional Technology, the school district continues to make headway in meeting its goal to produce high school graduates who are college- and career-ready. Still, there needs for additional support in terms of resources.

And at the onset of 21st century, technology has changed classroom instruction dramatically. This is true for PSS when it embraced change and innovation to best serve public school students, by implementing research-based instructional strategies and best practices in improving student learning.

And sustaining this direction hinges on the availability of funding.

Class size or public schools' teacher-student ratio continue to

increase, and at the close of SY 2013, it ballooned to one teacher to 36 students in some schools. This figure is an all-time high.

PSS is working to bring this down to one teacher to 25 students to meet the BOE policy.

Under Continuous School Improvement and Modernization of School Facilities, PSS has been hailed by AdvancED, the accrediting parent organization of North Central Association-Commissioner on Accreditation and School Improvement. It received high marks in 3 of its quality standards.

However, it must work toward improving 2 school district quality standards: 1) Resources and Support System, and 2) Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

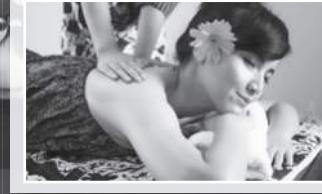
The findings bolster the need for PSS to upgrade almost all of its facilities. The school system has a total of 19 campuses with school building built between the late 1940s and most recent was only in 2002. These school facilities are between 12 and 68 years old.

And due to budget constraints, PSS has absorbed an estimated \$11.3 million worth of deferred maintenance or postponement measure for facilities' repairs and renovations.

The BOE and the PSS is supporting this initiative and is appealing to the general public to vote in support of this initiative, which is an investment for the children. (PSS)

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Will more money fix the VA's problems?

We all know how Washington crises usually unfold. A problem erupts. Politicians trample each other to express outrage and allocate blame. Scapegoats are sacrificed, legislation emerges and money gets appropriated. And then the issue fades from view.

That's the course the scandal over veterans' health care has followed so far. A few weeks ago, everyone in the capital was high dudgeon over revelations that veterans were suffering and even dying while waiting weeks or months for appointments. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital administrators had falsified records to cover up long wait times.

An investigation by the government's Office of Special Counsel found a "troubling pattern of deficient patient care." A report by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okl., concluded 1,000 veterans may have died from delays in care or malpractice. Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned. Since then, though, the topic has faded from view.

On Thursday, President Barack Obama signed a bill aimed at addressing these failures by giving many veterans the option of seeking care from private health providers. It calls for hiring more doctors to expand the VA's capacity. It also carries a price tag of \$16 billion.

We would like to think the money will be well spent wisely and frugally. But this is not a new problem. Remember the 2007 uproar over delays and inadequate treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center? This bill once again confirms the old adage that in Washington, nothing succeeds like failure: Mismanagement and scandal? Here's your lottery check.

The legislation is supposed to make VA officials more accountable. It gives the new secretary, Robert McDonald, new power to dismiss or demote top managers for failing to do their jobs properly. But as the Military Times reported, "the measure covers fewer than 500 VA employees, and it's unclear whether any face a real threat to their jobs."

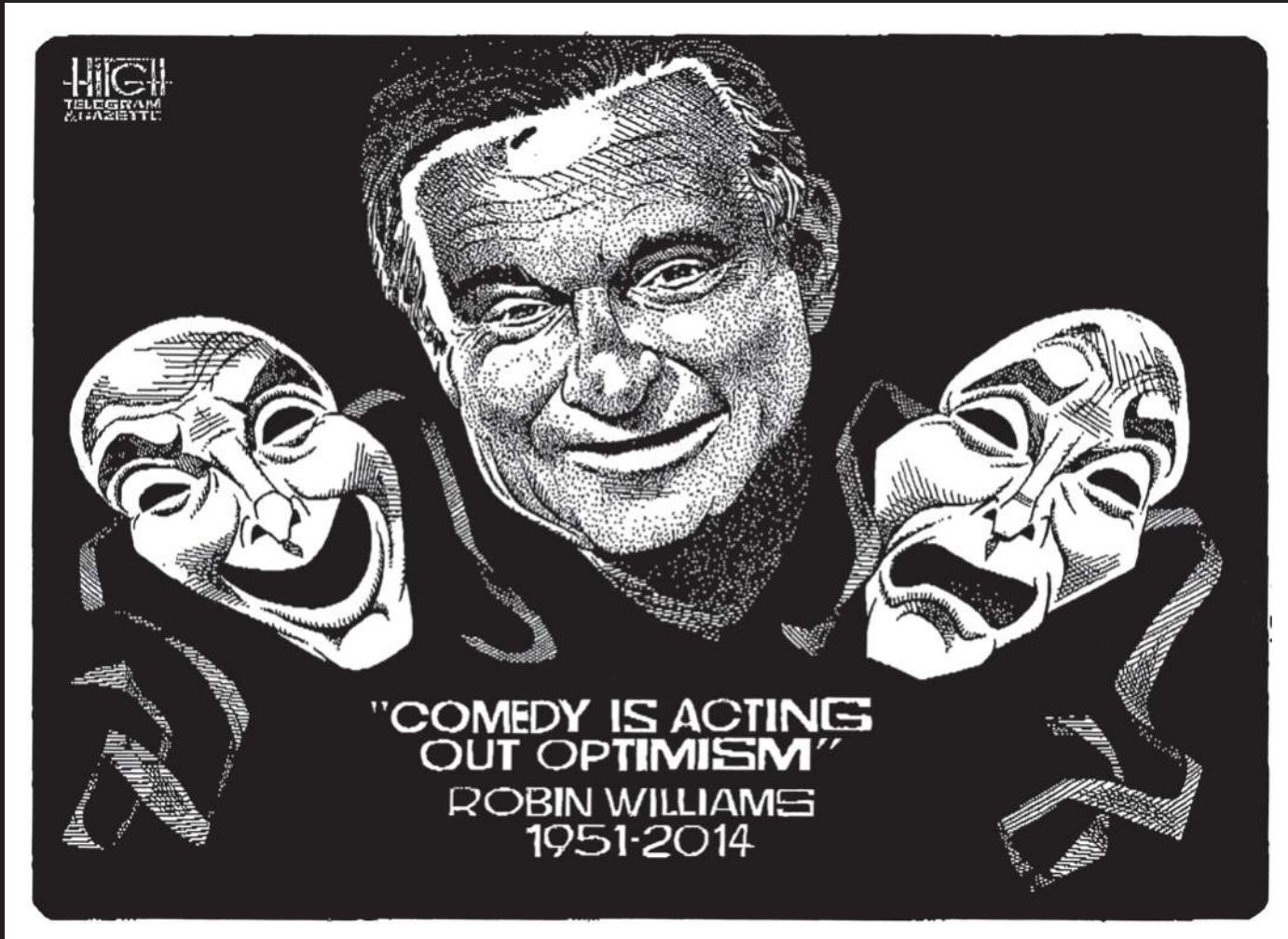
It's not just poor management and dishonesty that need to be eliminated. Many employees who brought problems to light have been punished for telling the truth. That'll make it harder for McDonald to encourage whistleblowers to come forward, and he needs to use his new authority to get rid of anyone who retaliates against them.

Last month, several VA whistleblowers told the House Veterans Affairs Committee how they were penalized for uncovering poor performance. "Retaliation culture is a cancer to the VA," Dr. Christian Head, chief of staff of legal and quality assurance for the Greater Los Angeles VA Health Care System, testified, the result of "a few individuals that perpetuate this idea that we should be silent." The Office of Special Counsel says it is investigating 67 cases of alleged retribution.

At the VA, it ought to be more dangerous to be incompetent than to expose incompetence. If the department makes that vital change, the money Congress and the president have provided should produce better and more timely care.

If not? Then, a few years from now, you can expect to see the same infuriating stories about the VA.

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The Ides of August

The Ides of March became famous in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar assassination at the Roman Forum allegedly for his autocratic tendencies. Ironically, his death paved the way for the emergence of the Roman Empire under the autocracy of the Caesars.

Our Ides of August labels the demonization of Russia, and the blame for MH17 to its current President, Vladimir Putin. Russia subsidized Ukraine as a former federation member of the defunct Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Ukraine in turn sold gas to EU, and EU promised a financial loan on favorable terms and mutual access to markets. Russia was not pleased. Viktor Yanukovych, then elected President, reneged on the EU financing and returned to Russia's fold. He was run out of Kiev. Civil unrest pitted Ukraine west of the Dnieper, to eastern Ukraine bordering Russia.

While in Calgary, a Husky Oil executive shared pew at Ascension Parish's Mass and revealed how pleased he was to learn of Russia and China inking an agreement to pipe natural gas from the Russian Far East to China's Manchuria. He revealed that massive natural gas had been discovered in Canada, and with Putin a persona non-grata to EU since the civil war in Ukraine and the return of Crimea to the Russian Federation fold, Canada looks for contracts to deliver the gas supply European industries require.

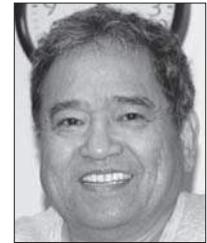
Meanwhile, Ukraine wants Crimea back; it unleashed its military might against the pro-Russian separatists on the Russian border. Separatists feel that since its declaration of independence has been ignored and its air space often violated, it extended its pro-Russian political sentiments to reliance on military training and arsenal from across the border.

A historical footnote. Ukraine was ancient Russia to the tsars, the medieval state of Kievan Rus', where they wintered between Moldova and Krasnodar. Its most recent celebrated son was Nikita Khrushchev who presided over the USSR until he was sidelined to the side by Andrei Kosygin and Leonid Brezhnev, themselves shelved by Andrei Gromyko and Mikhail Gorbachev of *perestroika* and *glasnost* that led to the dissolution of the Union, the ascendancy of reformist but incontinent alcoholic Boris Yeltsin, who was followed by our current controversial Russian head Vladimir Putin.

There is no denying that it is CIA's policy to attract former members of the USSR in Eastern Europe to NATO and EU, and to continue *ala* U2-spying on Russian military movements. EU federation leaders want to merge the financial assets of the north to the abundant labor in the south and southeast, and the productive capability of the east-northeast. Putin, however, drew the line in the Baltic and the Black Sea as historical allies to Russia, and if NATO continues with a story that claims credit to the dissolution of the USSR, and Russia west of the Urals as a contra-

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diction remaining to be chastened rather than as a partner to be allowed to bloom on its own, then Russia will assert influence on former allies in the old Union, from the Caucasus, the Black and Baltic Seas and points in between.

Meanwhile, economic globalization moved faster than the redefinition of political lines that included Ukraine's independence in 1991. Threats and counter-threats from nations came to naught for as long as the global financial system stays intact, rendering the suffering of a part to mean the suffering of all.

In the blame game that the West loves since Zoroaster defined good and evil, decreed right and wrong as a part of creation, Putin has been personified as the devil, and the former KGB official has no shortage of detractors who would not mind to see him deposed.

Khrushchev was sidelined for an ill-advised war with China. Putin and Moscow's apparatchik, with Xi and Beijing's China dreamers, share tea in their old imperial rooms, joining Brazil, India, and South Africa in creating another financial system and instrument that would distance the world's dependence on the U.S. dollar as the global currency of exchange. The euro tried doing the same but it remained tied to Uncle Sam's aprons and dependent on NATO/Pentagon's extensive military might in Europe. The euro showed more promise than possibility.

We are too financially intertwined with China to make it an enemy so we urge Abe of Japan to rearm its military and reignite its nationalistic fervor. Its recent White Paper just identified China, DPRK, and Russia as a threat to Japan's security. Abe is playing to role!

All these on Obama's watch and those of us who supported what we thought he represented are stunned by this diabolical transformation. Each year, he vows to close Guantanamo but cannot, which leads us to believe that Obama is politically astute in playing the tune of whoever butters his toast but is helpless to go against their will. Feeling betrayed, we learn sadly that integrity is not the basis of political choices. We still need a devil to blame. Vladimir Putin gets the honor of being drawn with horns.

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Attack of the giant mutant robo-ants

Saipan might have cornered the market in boondie dogs, but there's a new breed of hound on the way. The Sega company has introduced a robotic dog called "Poochi" to the Japanese market. I don't know if the first of the species will be introduced to Saipan by a tourist or by a resident, but Poochi will arrive one way or the other.

The line between "robot" and "automated toy" is a bit murky here, but at a reported price of \$59 (6,000 Japanese yen) I think we're looking at a toy, not something that is going to mow your lawn and do your calculus homework.

Still, everywhere you turn these days, there's another robot story hitting the press.

It gets the imagination going. When I was a kid I liked the old black-and-white sci-fi flicks, and the lower the budget, the better, since the low-budget movies had the weirdest creatures.

So I was thinking along those lines, contemplating Poochi and what the future of robots might be, when I noticed that, yet again, I'm under siege by a battalion of ants.

The darned things are unstoppable!

But instead of fighting nature, maybe I should heed it. So, move over robotic dogs, I've got a bigger vision for the future: robotic ants.

Based on four minutes of sloppy Web research, I note that ants are a highly evolved form of life. There are over 12,000 species of them. They can lift somewhere between 10 times to 50 times their own weight. They have specialization in jobs. They have a form of ant agriculture growing fungus (yum!). They have a sort of colony-based "intelligence" that, somehow, coordinates various specialized tasks to keep their colonies chugging along.

Such are the results of something like 130 million years of evolution. Ants survived Earth's last mass extinction. Dinosaurs didn't.

That's a pretty good résumé, you'll admit. I can see it now: "Summary: World infestation since the Cretaceous era. Objective: Taking over Ed's kitchen. Years of experience: 130,000,000. References: Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus, Ankylosaurus (all extinct)."

Although modern electronics perform all sorts of wizardry, and we think of robots in electronic terms, I wonder if science will ever be able to mimic some basic biology. How much of the humble ant could be synthesized, and scaled-up, with modern technology?

If I hit the lotto I'll have the seed capital to start a robo-ant research and development laboratory in As Lito. I'd have to hire competent people to do the actual work, of course, but I'll relish the notion of being some sort of visionary, big-picture guy. Allow me, then, to give you some of my big-picture guy concepts.

I don't know how big our robo-ants will be, but human-sized is too obtrusive for constant household use. So I'm thinking, oh, a body the size of a soda can. That would make for a good pet.

The first order of business would be to design some sort of synthetic muscle fiber instead of using electric motors.

This raises the issue of how the synthetic muscles will be powered. Could sugar and oxygen, the stuff that powers animal tissue (I think), also be used to power robots with synthetic muscles? Well, probably not, since I don't know what the heck I'm talking about, but I won't let that stand in the way of a good pipe-dream, and in the pipe-dream, the robo-ants will drink sugar water at feeding time.

As for the oxygen part of the equation, well, ants have a very decentralized way of harvesting it from the atmosphere. They don't

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have lungs. That's why they never smoke cigarettes. Ants are covered with pores called sporacles that oxygenate their tissue. So this is yet another item for the to-do list: After the synthetic muscles are invented, somebody will have to invent synthetic sporacles to go with them.

Once these tasks are completed, the biotechnology, or whatever it's called, can be hitched to the electronic revolution. The robo-ant nervous systems will be electronic, and, of course, they'll be able to electronically communicate with other robo-ants so they can coordinate various tasks.

Ants are ancient technology, so it's humbling to consider just how much of it can't be duplicated with today's capabilities. Maybe the next great leap in technology will be on the biological frontier, focusing on tissues instead of transistors.

Or, maybe not. Maybe I just watched too many sci-fi flicks as a kid. Time will tell, I guess, but I'm sure Poochi has an opinion, too: "Woof, woof, beep."

More candidates for '14

The playground is getting a bit crowded as more folks throw their hats into the ring for a shot at legislative and other seats. It's an interesting surge, a mix buoyed by the competence of the academically and professionally poised, younger bunch.

The entry of many new faces is a statement in itself. Time to replace the old guard! That voters are ready to rein in change has complimented this silent but powerful message. It's time to replace stifling complacency—focus being on re-election rather than the longer-term issues of "we the people." Change is the simple, though powerful, narrative!

The new and younger candidates have demonstrated an educated grasp what the NMI needs at a critical juncture in our developmental history. Comforting the bullish commitment to instill some semblance of comprehensive plan to organize and move the needle of growth forward in partnership with private industries. This point alone is sufficient to ignite the fire of enthusiasm in search of something better than rock bottom today.

There's also the ardent desire to reset the button of moral courage or the ability to do right per our values. It presents opportunities to listen to burning questions from villagers with unscripted answers and fostering heart-to-heart working relationships.

At least the new mindset sneers at the usual dystopian mañana of utter disconnection and disengagement. New kids on the block have invested time listening to the voice of "we the people." It was the voice of the people that strengthened their courage to put their best foot forward. Not ready to allow political impotence to take its permanent seat in "do-nothing" land. Allowing it would have very serious implications for the NMI. Change is in the wind.

As disciplined or wild swings are taken against you out on the

campaign trail, remain steadfast in your conviction to proactively reset the button of change. Idle filthy swamp water of apathy has turned into woefully unhealthy stench and infectious virus of misery. We need to reinvent the wheel especially today! The old guards have overstayed their welcome. With the exception of a few, most would partake turning the last page of their political career with dreaded full closure.

There are incumbent legislators who would retain their seats. These folks are poised in their disposition of issues. You listen to their presentations that tell they have come prepared. They include Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Reps. Ralph Yumul, Edmund Villagomez, Terry Santos, and Roman Benavente. These folks listen! The rest must paddle their canoes for that dreaded final self-destruct lap into the sunset!

Reality check a must

I've met other incumbents who don the soft illusion of self-importance, oblivious to the challenge of self-inflicted political doomsday. If you're still adamant, perhaps you could answer what signature policy issue did you accomplish that factually reduced the high cost of power, health premiums, and the cost of living, among others.

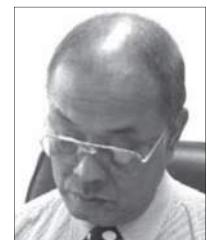
If you fail in all of these familial economic issues, did you counter the high cost of living with, e.g., wage and salary increases to return a portion of the 80 cents deducted per every dollar earned by workers and retirees? Obviously, if you missed the bus on these scores, is your insatiable thirst for power the single justification for voters to repeat egregious failure again? Don't you think we also know better?

You see, often issues of substance parade before your nose. You've failed to see them because they are below your blurred vi-

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sions. The new group of candidates has raised these issues up to see why were they purposely skipped by the old guard. Do you see why there has to be an unceremonious parting of the ways with fossilized political dinosaurs?

Moreover, I've also seen some corrupt names from the outset. I suppose greed forces what's called "blind ambition." We'll deal with these guys over the next two months.

The new names include BJ Tenorio Attao, Edwin Propst, Angel Demapan, Vince G. Cabrera, Vinnie F. Sablan, Frankie B. Angel, Lumi Bermudes, Reina Camacho (should have run for lower house), Sid Cabrera, and a few others.

Long snooze on the job

While the NMI was floored with triple digit depression (not inflation), most of you were caught snoozing on the job. The switchboard even turned into hard futon for those whose waistlines could fit it neatly. It was one grand dystopian mañana that conveniently muted fiduciary duty.

What the guys and gals forgot is that we have faithfully paid for their loot through taxes we pay into the local coffers. The least they could have done was act like they working. But it was their decision to boast collecting loot while sporting celebrated snoozing on the switchboard. *Dalai 'ste!* This misfeasance ends this November. Voters aren't ready to repeat royal failure once more. It rightfully belongs in the ash heap of history!

Since last midterm election, voters have turned out in large numbers to express their discontentment with leadership. That it has reached this level of maturity signals a new beginning in our political development. As a candidate you must have something better than tired and exhausted excuses. You can no longer escape spouting simple assertions that begin and end with "I support." What is it? Economy? What aspect of it and have you better paradigms that begins with a set of plans?

The shifting sand of change has awakened our beaten faces, granting us another chance to march confidently toward the dawn of hope and brighter tomorrow. The least we could do is partake in a unified march to rebuild the bridge of hope. It's time we wiggle ourselves out of egregious economic slavery of recent past. It's all in the palm of our hands. Let's not repeat failure!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Racism is alive and well

Well, it's alive and active in a lot of Chamorros over 40, but thank goodness the under-25 set don't think about it much, if at all. The younger Chamorros, and all people actually living in the CNMI, have far too many other things to worry about except that two-headed snake. If it happened before you were born, it's none of your business, it might be your parents' business but it is not yours.

I've actually had a Chamorro man tell me he got very upset because he went into a store and on the door on the way out a sign said *Ghillisowremi* on top of *Si Yuus Ma'ase*. A 60-something grandmother has absolutely no feelings for the children, the U.S. citizen children, born and raised in the CNMI, being deported along with their parents, or just deporting the parents. An old Carolinian living in CK told me there was such a row over assigning street names in Carolinian in his neighborhood that there were actual fights over it. Chuukese, Pohnpeians, Palauans, Yapese all say they are treated

differently in government offices, made to wait longer and have to endure the stares and indifference that systemic racism imposes. Older Chamorros don't even realize they are doing it, it being such a part of their upbringing, but some still do and encourage it in their children and grandchildren.

Carolinians have learned their place over the years in the CNMI and it is pretty similar to the "place" African-Americans still enjoy in the good old U.S. of A., and untouchables in India today. Racism has no place in the CNMI or any other place on earth. PERIOD. Chamorro is more a state of mind in 2014 than a physiological phenomenon. More than one old man has vehemently denied he is anything but pure Chamorro. As I read history, almost all the people of the Northern Marianas, with the exception of some on Rota, were moved to Guam for over 100 years, where there were more Spanish, Mexican and Filipino single men than locals. So, maybe you don't have Filipino genes, but it is probable that you have Spanish or Mexican mixed with your Indonesian genes.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 78
Palau Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 79
Yap Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 79
Chuuk Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Pohnpei Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Kosrae Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Majuro Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 79

Around The Globe

Auckland Windy	▲ 56 ▼ 48
Beijing Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 66
Hong Kong Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 81
Honolulu Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
London Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 54
Los Angeles Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 63
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Rome Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 65
Salem Showers	▲ 81 ▼ 60
San Francisco Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 56
Seoul Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 66
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Tides

Saipan Harbor		
6:12 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.3 Feet
11:58 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet
6:16 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Today	10:16 PM	10:09 AM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Saturday	11:03 PM	11:06 AM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM	Sunday	11:50 PM	12:00 PM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM	Monday		12:54 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Tuesday	12:39 AM	1:45 PM

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DEPARTURES		ARRIVALS	
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN
0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MLN)			MANILA (MLN)-SAIPAN
0Z704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gary, your talk is cheap and old

For someone who seems to be so smart, Gary, you should know better than to pick a fight with me. Your character seems to be no better than the other critics of mine as you are only being a fault finder with no solutions. As for me being wrong, please consider this: Just because you were late getting something in August does not diminish the fact that the document was outdated. Accept that fact and stop trying to find excuses for your misunderstanding.

I guess your race has never needed protection like I did as

an African-American and other ethnic groups in America who were abused and misused. One of the main reasons the CNMI was given latitude with Article 12 by the feds was to protect the local people from speculators buying up the island. So until you walk a mile in the shoes of the local people, you need to shut up because you obviously don't get it. FYI, the Democrats are not afraid to say or include all U.S. citizens as I am with them and you, sir, are just jealous that you were not mentioned specifically. My

kids are NMDs and I care but it is obvious you don't care about their plight!

But you need to know that many of things you are just now writing and complaining about I have already wrote and complained about but I am trying to do something about it—you are just running your mouth. I'm sure someone has told you that you remind them of me, not the other way around, so you are preaching to the original preacher when talking to me. I've been where you are going and I know you have to roll up your sleeves and do the work, not just yell from the sidelines.

Your assessment of Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Quitugua is a weak argument to say the least

given your own statements that amount to no one being qualified or worthy to be governor and lieutenant governor. So if no one is qualified or worthy, what are you writing for—to hear yourself or some kind of self-glorification? Telling people not to support ex-officials is impossible, as everyone running for the governor seat and many of the other seats is an ex-official. FYI, the Democrats have more new candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, and other seats in the Legislature than the GOP, which actually meets your expectation for new leaders. So are you even listening to yourself?

You are even complaining about our children not being ready to work when they gradu-

ate when the Democrats are the only ones trying to prepare students for the workforce with a real CW transition plan. FYI, you are the one who is wrong about our youth and their expectations as they want to work but they are smart enough to know that it is not a fair playing field when they have to compete against a CW with experience and they are right! Gary, do you even know what affirmative action was about in America?

FYI, finding fault without offering real tangible solutions is nothing! Telling people to research this and research that about candidates when you are already doing the research is ridiculous. People with common sense want you to simply tell us who is better and why and to hell with all your advice on how to pick someone to vote for. Why are you so afraid to say who is the better candidate(s) with all

your research? Maybe you are the one afraid to put your butt on the line, not the Democrats because your talk is cheap and even old news.

The issue of racism is exactly what I'm working to erase from within, not from the sidelines with cheap talk. I also tried that "be informed" lesson you are promoting and it didn't work as voters still voted for Fitial twice, only to wish they had listened to me so I'm speaking from experience. I'm now walking my talk and working with the candidates I believe are best for the CNMI to make a difference. You would be wise and even more helpful to walk your talk and less running your mouth to no end as your talk is cheap when we need solutions.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

RACISM

From Page 1

It's 2014 folks and a child dies every 8 seconds from mal-nutrition-related causes. Can't you start teaching your children things that might help the world instead of keeping your little piece of it in turmoil? Start with empathy. There seems to be a "mind blindness" here that totally insulates Chamorros from the aspirations, emotions, and feelings of all other human beings except themselves. There are more important issues facing the world and the CNMI than keeping racism alive and well. God really only needed one Commandment, "Love thy neighbor," or else.

Wow! Where did they get the other \$670M from?

You heard it, folks, right from the mouth of Mr. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero. He said it publicly and in the papers. It's over, folks, no more problems with the NMI Retirement Fund. Apparently they found the other \$670 million needed to make it solvent. That's just great. Congratulations to them. I Googled, YouTubed, FB'd, Twittered and LinkedIned Mr. Guerrero and nowhere could I find his qualifications as an economist or even a certified public accountant. That may be the key to this moronic statement.

In defense of JP, I love this guy because in the 17th House, he wrote 16 bills, one of which was HR 17-111, to impeach Ben Fitial. He also wrote HB 17-049 and 201, both very good bills. Is there not one honest person in the 18th House or Senate? Voters, remember the 18th, don't vote for any members that voted for the casino bill. Vote only for those that voted against it; they are Sen. Frank Cruz, Sen. Ray Yumul and Reps. Ray Tebuteb, Edmund Villagomez, and Frank Dela Cruz, decent men all. Maybe one of them will step up to the plate and be as courageous as JP was and introduce an impeachment bill against Inos.

In my opinion, Inos, if it

looks like s**t, feels like s**t, walks like s**t, talks like s**t and smells like s**t, it is s**t! Only in Saipan can the emperor fool all the people all the time.

Time to move on and begin an inclusive society

Well, Inos let Best Sunshine go from a 2,000-room integrated resort to a 401-room hotel with a casino to a 224-room hotel with a casino in less than a month. How many rooms does the Kanoa have? It has the casino already. Maybe a mystery man will take it over, repaint it and tell Inos, voila, here is your casino.

If you voters want a shady, under-the-table dealing, crooked, and secretive government then vote for the GOP. If you like a government headed by a "heir-editary Chamorro that wants to legislate non-Chamorros out of existence" then vote for the Democrats. That leaves two independents and they might have a chance if they would cooperate but, egos being involved, that will never happen. Heinz and Juan both have more credentials than either Inos or Edward, that's for sure. They even look better, more statesman like. They have both done more to help the CNMI than Inos or Edward, a lot more.

I urge every voter to check out www.cnmleg.gov.mp. Go to the official Legislature site and learn everything you can about every one running that is in the Legislature now, or has ever been in it. Google everyone else. Don't just vote a name anymore. You have been doing that for 36 years and you can see the mess we have because of it. Keep an open mind, the CNMI is not just Chamorro—it's every U.S. citizen that lives here and we are your neighbors. Get smart, get connected and get educated. For your kids' sake. It may be that all future generations of the CNMI is at stake.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

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Mount Carmel School welcomes new teachers

With the enrollment boost for the 2014-2015 school year, Mount Carmel School welcomed several new teachers who bring to the school a variety of experience and backgrounds that are helping the school diversify its teaching faculty.

As a way to strengthen the Catholic identity of the school, two priests have agreed to teach high school theology. Teaching Senior Theology is Fr. Ryan Jimenez, who is no stranger to the school, having taught at the school before and currently the Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. Joining Fr. Jimenez is Fr. Jason Granado, who is teaching Junior Theology. Fr. Granado is also the pastor at San Vicente Parish

and the editor-in-chief of the diocesan publication, the *North Star*.

In the third grade, Bernadita Benavente Helstrom is teaching temporarily until September. Ms. "Bernie" herself is no stranger to the school either, having served as its first indigenous principal in the early days of the school while she was known as Sister Bernie. Since then, she has taught as a certified teacher in Nevada public schools and Catholic schools, having recently retired from public school education.

Along with Ms. Bernie in the elementary level, HeJin



Del Rosario



Stromberg



Lee



Benavente

Lee will be teaching 5th grade. A recent graduate of Northern Marianas College's School of Education with a bachelor's of science degree in Elementary Education, Lee will be team-teaching her grade level along with fellow 5th grade teacher and 2007 MCS AlumKnight, Min Ji Han. This year marks

Lee's second year teaching at her alma mater.

Junior high and high school English teacher John Del Rosario is also no stranger to the school, having graduated from Mount Carmel School in 2006. After earning his bachelor's degree in Print Media/Communications from the University

of Texas at El Paso, Texas, and spending time there as a freelance writer and magazine editor, this 2006 AlumKnight felt it was time to return home to help his alma mater. As he quipped, "LeBron [James] and I had a long talk. It was just right for us to both go back home, you know?"

The school also welcomed Michael Stromberg as a junior high and high school math teacher. Stromberg has taught several subjects all around the world, including English in Palau, Biology in Yap, English as a Second Language in South Korea, Business English in Vietnam, Math at NMC, and most recently, Literature and Drama at Saipan International School. Stromberg earned his bachelor's degree in Math from State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, and his master's degree in Mathematics from George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

Along with Stromberg, Hervin Jacinto will be teaching junior high and high school science. A registered nurse and former instructor in NMC's Nursing program, Jacinto brings years of practical teaching experience that is already helping students gain a better grasp of science. Jacinto earned his bachelor's degree in Nursing from Ateneo de Zamboanga in the Philippines and his Doctor of Medicine from the Zamboanga Medical School in the Philippines.

Lastly, while this is not her first year at the school, Ida Bahillo will be serving in a new role as the school's vice principal for Student Affairs. With the enrollment increase, the school's board of directors and administration determined that the school needed a school leader who would help and guide students and teachers with disciplinary matters and extracurricular activities. Armed with a bachelor's degree in History from the University of West Florida, Bahillo has taught at several schools in Florida, including the Santa Rosa County School District, Escambia High School, Pine Forest High School, and J. H. Workman Middle School. This year marks her second year at Mount Carmel School.

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Garapan Public Market project now complete

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources announced yesterday the completion of the Garapan Public Market project. The project, which began in January 2014, involved the renovation of the old Fish Market facility at the Garapan Fishing Base for use as a public market.



Palacios

to ensure the market's smooth daily operations."

The department is excited to finally be able to present the long awaited public market to our community. "We have been looking forward to establishing a permanent and centralized public market for a long time," said DLNR Secretary Arnold Palacios. "I am very happy that we are finally seeing

the fruition of this project."

The renovation project was successful through the collaborative efforts of many agencies. DLNR would like to express its appreciation to the Governor's Office and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan for providing the support and technical assistance needed for the project. The department also acknowledges the collaboration of the Department of Public Works and the Northern Mariana

Daria earns master's degree



Daria

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from the University of South Florida on Aug. 9, 2014. Before this, Daria completed her Medical Internship for Mercy Volunteer Corps at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland in 2013. In addition to her master's degree, Daria holds a bachelor of science degree in Biology and a bachelor of science degree in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. She graduated with salutatorian honors from Tinian High School, Class of 2007. She hopes to pursue either a medical degree or doctorate



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Ramon K. Quichocho, an attorney licensed to practice law in the CNMI, was found to be in violation of Rule 1.1, 1.4(a)(2), and 1.4(a)(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct as a result of misconduct relating to his failure to keep his client reasonably informed, and is therefore hereby publicly reprimanded by the Superior Court of the CNMI.

Dated this 15th day of August 2014.

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MVA preps for Domannaka, JATA Travel Showcase

The Marianas Visitors Authority is preparing for the 15th Nippon Domannaka Festival to be held in Nagoya, Japan on Aug. 29-31, 2014.

The MVA will send a delegation of indigenous Carolinian dancers to the event, which features dance troupes from throughout Japan and a handful of dance groups from outside the country. The Northern Marianas has been a regular invitee to the festival for a number of years.

"We are looking forward to sending a delegation for what we anticipate will be another well-received performance at the Domannaka Festival this year," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Through the years, we have forged a strong

relationship with the festival, and the audience always seems to enjoy the Northern Marianas' cultural presentation."

"JATA Travel Showcase is the highlight of all the travel shows we join in Japan each

year," said Bateman. "This year, we will again be gaining the additional benefit of being

part of the Brand USA pavilion as we work to increase arrivals from Japan."

Last year, the showcase attracted over 131,000 attendees. (MVA)

Chantel Aguon: A success story from WIA to SHEFA

This is a successful accomplishment for another Workforce Investment Agency trainee, as Chantel Aguon's smooth transition took place effective January 2014 with the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Program, under the Office of the Mayor.

Aguon, now a permanent employee of SHEFA, was trained as an office clerk through WIA's Work Experience Program. In addition to work experience, Aguon was accorded the necessary tools

for job-readiness through classroom-based training provided by Pinnacle Staffing, LLC. A combination of effective classroom training and hands-on experience at the workplace site opened the doors for an opportunity with SHEFA, one that Aguon is extremely grateful for.

She shared the following testimony: "On December



Aguon

2012, WIA gave me the opportunity and tools to transition to Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance. Working at SHEFA under WIA has given me the opportunity to learn and apply skills

learned while on WIA training. Knowing that this was my first time working, I thought that with no experience, I wouldn't do well, but I did. SHEFA Administrator Merissa S. Rasa

and administrative assistant Doreen C. Masga have been so helpful as both have taught me everything, and I am grateful. In January, I was converted to a permanent position as an office clerk at SHEFA and since then, work has been great.

"I would like to take this time to thank the WIA office and employees for helping me. This shows and proves that WIA is a great program to start with. Without them I would not have had this experience. Thank you once again!" (WIA)

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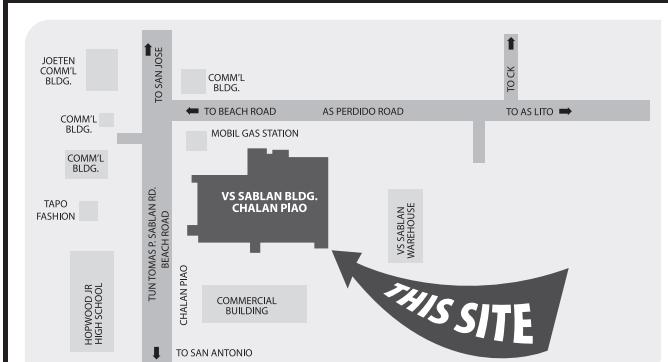


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Business

Study questions need for most people to cut salt

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

A large international study questions the conventional wisdom that most people should cut back on salt, suggesting that the amount most folks consume is OK for heart health—and too little may be as bad as too much. The findings came under immediate attack by other scientists.

Limiting salt is still important for people with high blood pressure—and in fact, a second

study estimates that too much sodium contributes to up to 1.65 million deaths each year. The studies both have strengths and weaknesses, and come as the U.S. government is preparing to nudge industry to trim sodium in processed and restaurant foods.

The first study's leader, Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University's Population Health Research Institute in Hamilton, Ontario, urged keeping an open mind.

"There are those who have

made a career out of promoting extreme sodium reduction that will attack us," he said. It's better to focus on healthy lifestyles and overall diets instead of a single element, "and that is something everyone can rally around."

No one should view this as permission to eat more salt, he said, adding that "most people should stay where they are."

The studies are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Yusuf's is observational,

rather than a strict experiment, and has big limitations in its methods. But its size lends

strength—more than 100,000 people in 17 countries, the largest on this topic. It's also from a gen-

eral population, not just people at high risk of heart disease, as many past studies have been.



This May 14, 2013 file photo shows salt shakers at a restaurant in Alexandria, Va.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-14-005

6-IN DIP WATERLINE ABANDONMENT FOR SAN VICENTE AREA EXTENSION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the abandonment and installation of waterlines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project consists, in general, of abandonment by cut and cap of existing six (6) inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) water main along Chalan Msgr. Guerero Rd and the reconnection of any existing service laterals onto near or adjacent service mains. It also includes the installation of a new four (4) inch PVC waterline complete with new flush hydrant, all necessary valves, fittings, service connections, and water meter reconnections, as well as asphalt paving restoration, traffic control, soil erosion control, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 150 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, wire transfer or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set. Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by site visits will be held on **August 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-14-005, 6-in DIP Waterline Abandonment for San Vicente Area Extension Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 17, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 2, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply Division, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to James Benavente, Junior Engineer, CUC Water/Wastewater Division via email address james.benavente@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLÁN
Manager, Procurement & Supply
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Apple bans use of 2 chemicals in iPhone assembly

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is banning the use of two potentially hazardous chemicals during the final assembly of iPhones and iPads as part of the company's latest commitment to protect the factory workers who build its trendy devices.

Nevertheless, Apple decided to order its suppliers to stop using benzene and n-hexane during the final assembly of iPhones, iPads, iPods, Mac computers and various accessories. What's more, Apple is requiring all its factories to test all substances to ensure that they don't contain benzene or n-hexane, even if the chemicals aren't listed in the ingredients.

A four-month investigation at 22 factories found no evidence that benzene and n-hexane endangered the roughly 500,000 people who work at

the plants, according to Apple. No traces of the chemicals were detected at 18 of the factories and the amounts found at the other four factories fell within acceptable safety levels, the Cupertino, California, company said.

Benzene is a carcinogen that can cause leukemia if not handled properly and n-hexane has been linked to nerve damage. The substances are often found in solvents used to clean machinery and electronics.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mr. George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor and Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan or Mr. Frank Iglesias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House #1341.

Community meetings will be conducted on Rota, Tinian and Saipan as scheduled below. Any and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

/s/ **Laura T. Ogumoro**
Secretary, DCCA

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DC&CA) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is hereby announcing its intention to submit its Model State Plan for Fiscal Year 2015. In addition to the fourteen (14) assurances which the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are mandated to comply with, and the Program Integrity Assessment in order to receive the grant, we are also required to report on the progress, accomplishments, and problems that we have encountered within the last couple of years of the program. The LIHEAP Program generally provides cooling/utility-power, mini-weatherization and crisis assistance to eligible low-income households.

We are notifying affected individuals, specifically those who are qualified low-income, elderly, and/or disabled, other interested individuals, and the general public who may be interested in participating in the development of this plan to please contact Mr. George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor and Mrs. Gregoria O. Sablan or Mr. Frank Iglesias, the LIHEAP Staff at the DCCA LIHEAP Office at telephone numbers 664-2568 or 664-2569. For more information and inquiry, please call the said telephone numbers, or visit our Office located at Capitol Hill House #1341.

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Date: 08/14/14

NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU

I Dipattamentun Asuntun Kumunidå yan Kuttura (DC&CA), Prugåman Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ginin esti ha anununsia i intension-ña na para u rinueba iyun-ñiha Abbreviated State Plan para i Fiscal Year 2013. Kumu ma'åomenta hålum i katotsi (14) gi Commonwealth ga Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha put para u ma'otdin para i kinimpli ni, yan i Prugåman Integrity Assessment anai siña para u marisibi i saläppi', ya manmadimånda ham lokkui' para maripot tod i adilantu, kinemplidu yan problema siha ni ma'ekspresiøna gi halum i mamma'pus na sakkam i prugåma. I LIHEAP na prugåma heneråmtenti ha pribeniyi cooling/utility-power, mini-weatherization yan predikamentun asistensia para atyu siha i mangkuålfikåna na familia ni manakpapa' suetdun-ñiha.

En nutitisia atyu siha na petsona i maninafefta ispesiåmenti para atyu i mangkuålfikåna na man åmkü', yan/maninutit, yan pumalu siha na indibiduåti ni manintirisåo, yan i publiku heneråt kumu manintirisåo manpattispågi gi manmplanu esti na inadilantu para u ma'ångan si Sifiot George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor, yan Sifiora Gregoria O. Sablan, Sifiot Frank Iglesias, LIHEAP Staff, gi DCCA ufisina gi esti siha na numirun tilifon 664-2568 pat 664-2569.

Para u guaha siha inekkunguk publiku para u fan makundukta giya Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Todu etyu siha man intirisåo na petsona manmasosohyu' para u ma'atiende esti siha na inekkunguk.

Venue

Tinian-Tinian Gymnasium
Saipan-Kagman Comm. Ctr.
Rota - Rota Roundhouse

Scheduled Dates

August 18, 2014
August 20, 2014
August 25, 2014

Time

6:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

US retail sales flat in July
offset by gains at grocery stores, gasoline stations, restaurants, clothiers and building material stores.

The figures suggest that Americans are hesitant to spend, which could limit growth for the economy. Retail sales are closely watched because consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

Retail sales have flat-lined even though employers have added more than 200,000 jobs a month for the past six months. Payrolls increased by 209,000 in July and 298,000 in June.

Spending dipped at auto dealers and department stores last month. The losses were

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP

Bwulasiyol Lemeleml Sôóbw me Kko (Community Cultural Affairs - DC&CA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) sångi millie nge ekke arongaar toulap igha re bwe isisilong yaar State Plan reel ráagh ye 2015. E pwal aschuschu ngáli milikkewe seigh me faawu (14) ikka re akkuléw ngáli Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands rel igha e bwe mmwell bweibwogh selaaapi, me kkemalul progróoma, nge e bwal allégh ngáli ghamam bwe ay bwe fféer kkapasal rel meeta kka e ghatch, weires ikka e ghal yoor fitoowul ráagh mwirr igha bweletá progróoma yeel. Mille LIHEAP nge e ayoora allilis rel apatap/dengki, mini weatherization and allilisil rel aweiress ngáliir schóo kka e ghi sóssö abwóssur.

AY kka arongaar schoo kka re toolong lloq allilis yeel, ikka e ghi sóssö abwóssur, tuufey/ikka rese bwáng, me ikka re mwuschál fengel me toulap ikka re tipáli bwe re bwe toolong lloq progróoma yeel, bwe reb we ffaingir Sóumwár George S. Fitial, LIHEAP Supervisor, me Ilmwár Gregoria O. Sablan me ngáre Sóumwár Frank Iglesias, LIHEAP Staff reel numurool tilifoon kka 664-2569 ngare 664-2568 me ngáre tooto llóil Bwulasiyol iye elo Capitol Hill house #1341.

E bwe yoar arongorong ngáliir toulap wóöl Luuta, Tchuluyol me Seipél. Aramas ye e tipáli nge re kke tingör ngáliir bwe re bwe tooto llóil yéelágħ kkal.

Nation

Protests turn violent in St. Louis suburb

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—Protests in the St. Louis suburb rocked by racial unrest since a white police officer shot an unarmed black teenager to death turned violent Wednesday night, with some people lobbing Molotov cocktails and other objects at police who responded with smoke bombs and tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson, who has been the public face of the city torn by Saturday's death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, told reporters earlier in the day that the St. Louis County investigation of the shooting could take weeks to complete.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	Civil Action No. 11-0031
Plaintiff,	NOTICE OF AUCTION
vs.	
VICTOR B. HOCOG and VILLIA M. HOCOG,	
Defendants.	

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Victor B. Hocog and Villia M. Hocog in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Improved leased premises known as **Lot No. 345 R 114**, containing an area of 960 square meters, more or less, on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.

2. **Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.

3. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

4. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.

5. **Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

6. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Pedro C. Sablan and Ignacia M. Sablan in the property and any improvements thereon are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 8th day of August 2014.

/s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marshal
CNMI Marshal Service Division

In the meantime, he said, his department welcomes Justice Department training on racial relations in the suburb, where two-thirds of the 21,000 residents are black while all but three of the police force's 53 officers are white.

"Unfortunately, an undertow (of racial unrest) has bubbled to the surface," said Jackson. "Race relations is the top priority right now."

While Jackson said he wanted to mend fences with the community, protesters were on the streets of Ferguson again Wednesday, facing heavily armed police who at time trained weapons on them from

an armored truck. Two reporters said they were detained by police while working at a McDonald's in the area.

The situation became more tense after nightfall, with police ordering people to go home and then using smoke bombs and later tear gas after some people threw Molotov cocktails and other things at them. Most of the crowd then dispersed. Journalists who witnessed the events included an Associated Press photographer.

St. Louis County police spokesman Brian Schellman said he had no immediate information about the situation.

Earlier, Wesley Lowery

of The Washington Post and Ryan Reilly of The Huffington Post said they were handcuffed and put into a police van after officers came in to quickly clear the fast-food restaurant where they were doing some work. The Washington Post reported that Lowery said he was slammed against a soda machine and plastic cuffs were put on his wrists. Reilly told MSNBC that an officer slammed his head against the glass "purposefully" on the way out of the restaurant "and then sarcastically apologized for it." The reporters were subsequently released without any charges.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Loved ones say goodbye to boy killed at playground

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—A 9-year-old fatally stabbed at a playground near his western Michigan home was remembered during a memorial service Wednesday as a big-hearted and fun-loving boy who was taken much too soon. Michael Connor Verkerke's "life had barely begun," Pastor Brad Kajainen told hundreds of mourners at Cornerstone Church in Kent County's Caledonia Township. The boy, called Connor by family and friends, was playing with some other children on Aug. 4 on the playground in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids, when witnesses say one boy pulled a knife and stabbed Connor in the back. Connor died at a hospital, and the 12-year-old who allegedly stabbed him is facing a murder charge.

Gay marriages could begin by next week in Va.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Same-sex couples could begin marrying as early as next week in Virginia after a federal appeals court refused Wednesday to delay its ruling that struck down the state's gay marriage ban. The state would also need to start recognizing gay marriages from out of state next Wednesday, though the U.S. Supreme Court could effectively

put same-sex marriages on hold again if opponents of same-sex marriage are able to win an emergency delay. A county clerk in northern Virginia had asked the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond to stay its decision striking down the ban, issued in late July, while it is appealed to the high court. The appeals court's order did not explain why it denied that request.

Military base shelters for young immigrants close</

Asia

Philippine train rolls onto busy street, hurts 34

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine commuter train rammed through a concrete barrier at the end of the rail line and rolled into a busy intersection on Wednesday, injuring at least 34 people and damaging two vehicles on the street.

Rescuers removed injured passengers from the train's front car after the accident in Pasay city in metropolitan Manila. It caused a huge traffic jam, but the train stayed upright after smashing through the barrier, likely avoiding a more serious accident with fatalities.

At least 34 people were brought to hospitals with mostly minor injuries, Transportation and Communication Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya said. Most suffered bruises, though one had a broken arm and another had a dislocated joint.

The train had lost power due

to a technical problem and was being pushed by another train when it detached and rolled out of control at the final station on the line, said Hernando Cabrera, spokesman of the agency that operates the train system.

Abaya said the procedure would have been for the stalled train to be pushed at 15 kilometers (10 miles) per hour but after it detached it was apparently moving faster because the steel "stopper" at the end of the line was unable to block it. The lead train car pushed the barrier about 50 meters (yards) from its original position.

Abaya said the drivers of the two trains will be investigated by the police and his department will create a separate investigating body.

"I don't offer any excuse for this," he told TV5 television. "We will find out what happened and we will be transparent."

ent and explain it to the public."

Senior Superintendent Flor-encio Ortilla, who heads the Pasay city police, said the train toppled a concrete post and pushed a portion of the railway track out into the crowded intersection.

Many passengers were hurled toward the front of the train, police said.

Regina Santos said she and other passengers in the lead car had asked to be let off the train when it earlier stalled between two stations but the driver refused to open the doors.

She said that just before the train crashed the driver told the passengers to open the doors using the emergency levers and to brace themselves.

"I stood by the door just in case," Santos, who was uninjured, told The Associated Press. "I prayed to God to save us."

US woman dead in Bali; daughter, 1 other arrested

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—The body of a 62-year-old American woman was found stuffed inside a suitcase on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, and authorities on Wednesday arrested her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend in relation to the death, police said.

The suitcase containing Sheila von Wiese-Mack's body was found Tuesday inside the trunk of a taxi parked in front of the St. Regis Bali Resort in the island's upscale Nusa Dua area, said Col. Djoko Hari Utomo, the police chief in Bali's capital, Denpasar.

Von Wiese-Mack's 19-year-old daughter, Heather Mack, and her 21-year-old boyfriend, Tommy Schaefer, were arrested Wednesday morning at a hotel in Bali's Kuta area, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) away, Utomo said.

Both were being questioned but were refusing to talk until being joined by attorneys, he said.

The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta confirmed that von Wiese-Mack's body had been found, but did not give details.

Utomo said that Mack and Schaefer had hired the taxi and then placed the suitcase inside the car's trunk. The two then told the taxi driver that they were going to check out of the hotel and would return, he said, citing the driver, I Ketut Wirjana.

However, after two hours, Mack and Schaefer had not reappeared, Utomo said. Hotel security guards found blood spots on the suitcase, and suggested that Wirjana drive the taxi to the police station. Officers at the station opened the suitcase and discovered the body.

Von Wiese-Mack, from Chicago, and her daughter arrived at the St. Regis on Saturday, while Schaefer checked in on Monday, Utomo said.

CCTV footage shows that the victim had an argument with Schaefer on Monday in the hotel's lobby, he said.

Von Wiese-Mack's body was being autopsied at a hospital in Denpasar.

She was the widow of highly regarded jazz and classical composer James L. Mack of Oak Park, Illinois, who died in 2006 at age 76.

In 2012, von Wiese-Mack joined a century-old Chicago book club called the Caxton Club. She had varied interests including Asian literature and Wagnerian opera, according to a May 2013 profile of her in the club's publication Caxtonian.

ASIAN BRIEFS

N. Korea fires projectiles as pope visits S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—As Francis became the first pope in 25 years to visit South Korea on Thursday, Seoul's never-timid rival, North Korea, made its presence felt by firing three short-range projectiles less than an hour before he arrived, officials said. The apparent test firing was conducted from Wonsan on the North's east coast and the projectiles flew about 220 kilometers (135 miles), according to a ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing office rules. It wasn't immediately clear what the projectiles were. North Korea this year has conducted an unusually large number of short-range missile and artillery test firings.

Roadside bomb kills 4 in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Authorities say a roadside bomb has killed four civilians in southern Afghanistan. Omar Zwak, the spokesman for the governor of southern Helmand province, says the blast Wednesday struck civilians traveling by car. Civilians increasingly find themselves under fire as the 2001 U.S.-led war draws to a close, as

Afghan forces take the lead in operations targeting the Taliban. The United Nations reported in July that the civilian death toll in the war in Afghanistan rose 17 percent for the first half of this year. The U.N. said 1,564 civilians were killed from January through June, compared with 1,342 in the first six months of 2013.

US military takes 1st step in relocation in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese officials say buoys are being floated off the southernmost island of Okinawa in one of the first steps in the relocation of an American military base. The buoys define the area where the construction will begin on a facility in coastal Henoko that will house the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, which will be relocated from a crowded residential area of Okinawa. Okinawa houses the majority of U.S. troops in Japan. Protests against the bases have been going on for decades. The Japanese Defense Ministry says placing of buoys began Thursday. The mayor of Nago, where Henoko is located, issued a statement protesting the move. Many people on Okinawa, including Nago's mayor, want Futenma moved completely off the island.

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2 - TEAM LEADER

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4 - MERCHANTISER / BUYER

Applicants must have at least 3 years work experience in retail industry. Have great sense of marketing, promotion and advertising techniques. Must be computer literate and must able to read/write and speak English as she/he will order product via phone, emails, fax from off-island and on-island supplier, ability to speak other languages such as Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is a plus but not required. Must be able to work flexible hours, including weekends and holidays.

12 - SALES ASSOCIATE

Applicant must have work experience in retail sales, cash handling and using Point Of Sale system. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have excellent customer service skills. Bi-lingual Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is preferred. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

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Ability to interact with customers, providing answer to inquiries about the products, prices, promotions and services, ability to speak other languages such as Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is preferred. Must have excellent customer services skills. Must be friendly and great personality. Ability to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

1 - GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Applicants must have 4 years of work experience. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have creativity and visual advertising skills to perform wide variety of promotions and store signage. Must be hardworking, resourceful and has a keen eye for details, Knowledgeable of printing procedures, website designing and maintenance, point of sales display concept. Must be proficient in Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Acrobat, Coral Draw & other graphic designing software. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays

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Applicants must have 4 years of work experience working with registered imitation of an original tattoo. Must be knowledgeable the uses of brush and variety of inks and colors. Ability to explain and help customer decide if designs in terms of the tattoos are adapted to their skins for a period longer or not. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have excellent customer services. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

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Applicants must have the ability to perform illusion or other tricks to entertain customers. Must have excellent communication skills both in oral and written. Must be friendly and great personality. Ability to work under pressure and can work on weekends and holidays.

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Must possess five (5) years of work experience or more. Creative, ability to create new menu when ask by the supervisor, understands the customer wants and needs, friendly and can work fast under pressure. Must follow company policy and procedures. Can work on a broken shift including weekends and holidays.

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Applicants must have at least 5 years work experience. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Ability to perform multiple task but not limited to plumbing, electrical, carpentry and masonry work and able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

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World

Egypt: Israel, Hamas to extend truce

CAIRO (AP)—Israel and Hamas agreed to extend a temporary cease-fire for five days, Egyptian and Palestinian officials announced Wednesday, permitting the sides to continue to negotiate a substantive deal to end the war in Gaza.

Yet even as the extension was announced just minutes before a previous truce was set to expire at midnight, violence spiked, with Palestinian militants firing five rockets at Israel and Israel targeting sites across the Gaza Strip in response. It was not clear if the fighting was isolated or might shatter the truce.

Egypt's foreign ministry and the head of the Palestinian negotiating team announced the extension, which began at midnight local time. A spokesman for Israel's prime minister had no immediate comment.

The cease-fire extension is meant to grant both sides additional time to negotiate a longer-term truce and a roadmap for the coastal territory.

"We have agreed on a cease-fire for five days," said Azzam al-Ahmad, the head of the Palestinian delegation to the Cairo talks. He noted that there had been "significant progress" but that disagreements remained over the wording regarding security arrangements, reconstruction efforts for the Gaza Strip and the permissible fish-



Displaced Palestinian family members pass their time at the U.N. school where they sought refuge during the war, in Beit Lahiya, in the northern Gaza Strip, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014.

ing area.

The lull in violence had been a welcome reprieve for Israelis and Palestinians living in Gaza. During the temporary cease-fire, Israel halted military operations in the war-tattered coastal territory and Gaza militants stopped firing rockets, aside from the ones late Wednesday.

The two sides were considering an Egyptian proposal that partially addresses their demands, but deep differences have kept the deal in doubt.

Hamas is seeking an end to a crippling blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt in 2007. The blockade has greatly limited the movement of Palestinians in and out of the territory of 1.8 million people. It has also re-

stricted the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked virtually all exports.

Israel says the closure is necessary to prevent arms smuggling, and officials are reluctant to make any concessions that would allow Hamas to declare victory.

Israel wants Hamas to disarm, or at least be prevented from re-arming. Hamas has recovered from previous rounds of violence with Israel, including a major three-week ground operation in January 2009 and another weeklong air offensive in 2012. It now controls an arsenal of thousands of rockets, some with long ranges and powerful. Gaza militants fired more than 3,000 rockets toward Israel during the war.

Brazil's president race stunned by candidate death

SANTOS, Brazil (AP)—Brazil's presidential race is in stunned disarray after one of the top three contenders was killed on the campaign trail when a small plane carrying him and aides crashed into a residential area in this port city.

Socialist politician Eduardo Campos and the six other people aboard the aircraft died in the accident Wednesday, which came less than two

months ahead of the Oct. 4 presidential election.

President Dilma Rousseff, who opinion polls say leads the race, declared three days of official mourning for Campos and said she was suspending her campaign during that time. The other main candidate, Aécio Neves, also said he was putting his campaign on hold.

"Brazil is in mourning and reeling from a death that took the life of a promising young politician," Rousseff said in a solemn address. She said Campos had had "an extremely promising future ahead."

The 49-year-old scion of a powerful political family from the northeastern state of Pernambuco, Campos was a fixture on the Brazilian political scene since his youth, having served as state and federal representative and also as Pernambuco's governor. He had been allied with Rousseff and her Workers Party but broke away ahead of the presi-

dential campaign. Opinion polls had said Campos was running in third place, behind Rousseff and Neves.

Campos was married to his high school sweetheart and the two had five children, the youngest of whom was born in January with Down Syndrome.

The candidate, four members of his campaign staff and two pilots were traveling from Rio de Janeiro to the city of Guaruja when the Cessna 560XL went down in nearby Santos around 10 a.m.

Aeronautical officials said the plane was trying to land in bad weather, although the Globo television network broadcast interviews with witnesses who said the aircraft was in flames before it crashed among apartment buildings. An investigation has been opened to determine the exact cause, Brazil's aeronautical agency said.

Television stations broadcast images of the crash site on a continuous loop, showing a smoldering pit littered with debris and what appeared to be plane parts and emergency workers picking through the wreckage.

Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos died Wednesday in a small plane crash



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Off The Wall

W-I-N-N-E-R! Oregon man is crowned Scrabble champ

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Conrad Bassett-Bouchard started his championship Scrabble game Wednesday with the word "zilch" and finished with the opposite—the \$10,000 prize and the title of national Scrabble champion.

The 24-year-old player, from Portland, Oregon, beat 29-year-old Jason Li, of Montreal, in the final round of the five-day 25th National Scrabble Championships played at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

Bassett-Bouchard, the tournament's second seed, said he knew luck was with him when he drew a wild-card blank tile and an "s" on his first seven-tile rack. He led for most of the match, winning by a score of 477-350.

Li, the 18th seed, said, "I was playing catch-up right to the end."

Li had the letters to play an obscure but potentially high-scoring word but didn't see it, creating a buzz among experienced onlookers.

"He's going to be kicking himself for missing 'gramarye,'" tournament director John Chew said after the play.

Chew, co-president of the North American Scrabble Players Association, the event's sponsor, called Li's presence in the final round the biggest surprise in the tournament, which saw an emerging group of younger players edge out the old guard.

Six of the top 10 finishers are in their 20s, and one, Mack Meller, from Bedford, is 14.



Conrad Bassett-Bouchard opens with the word "zilch" during the championship round Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at the 25th National Scrabble Championships in Buffalo, N.Y.

Tournament favorite and five-time champion Nigel Richards, 47, described by one competitor as the Michael Jordan of the game, finished a surprising 16th.

"All these younger players are avid online players," said Will Anderson, 29, trying to explain the success of the tournament's 20-somethings at an old-fashioned board game.

"These guys have all played thousands of games on the Internet to hone their skills and meet each other before they've ever met in person," said Anderson, of Croton-on-Hudson, who finished fifth in Buffalo after placing third last year.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Maserati patrol car raises police suspicions

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP)—Police patrol cars are usually Fords or Chryslers, not Maseratis. So when a patrolman in Braintree, Massachusetts, spotted a Maserati resembling a police cruiser over the weekend, he pulled it over. Deputy Chief Wayne Foster tells The Patriot Ledger the luxury Italian vehicle's body was painted black and white with a police-style shield on the doors, and police-related decals. Foster said the door shield wasn't accompanied by the usual police phrase "Protect and Serve," but rather with "Decepticons punish and enslave." The driver told the officer who pulled him over that he was actually assisting police "because other drivers noticed him and slowed down, thinking it was a police vehicle." The driver, whose name was not made public, was summoned to

court to face a charge of impersonating a police officer.

12-year-old Illinois girl sells steer for \$100K

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—A 12-year-old Morris girl needs a bigger piggy bank. Shaelye (SHAY'-lee) Varner showed the grand champion steer at the Illinois State Fair, then sold it at auction for a whopping \$100,000—shattering last year's fair record of \$62,000. AT&T, Monsanto and DeKalb Agrow combined to bid for Varner's crossbred steer. Fair officials say \$100,000 would have bought almost every animal in the sale of champions just four years ago. This year, the auction netted more than \$260,000 for the kids who raised the animals, as well as the 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs, which each receive 10 percent of the proceeds. Shaelye says she's been showing since she

was 5 years old. She plans to save her money and use it for a future career in livestock.

Apple eating elk captured again in Idaho

GARDEN CITY, Idaho (AP)—A young bull elk with a hankering for apples has for the second time been sedated and removed from a southwest Idaho city. Boise police and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game captured the elk over the weekend after spotting it eating apples from a tree in a vacant lot. Officials say they captured the same elk several weeks ago in nearby Garden City and moved it about 25 miles north to Horseshoe Bend. Officials say this time the elk is being moved to a more remote location. An officer assisting with the capture was struck in the ear by one of the antlers when the elk woke up sooner than expected. The officer was treated at a hospital and released.

Science & Technology

Amazon debuts mobile payment app and card reader

NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon is taking direct aim at mobile payment systems such as Square by introducing the Amazon Local Register, a credit-card processing device and mobile app designed to help small business owners accept payments through their smartphones and tablets.

The move places the largest U.S. e-commerce retailer in competition with Square and other established mobile payment processing systems such as PayPal Here and Intuit's GoPayment.

Amazon's technology includes a card reader that attaches to a smartphone, Kindle or tablet. The reader processes credit or debit card payments via a secure Amazon network, the same one that processes Amazon.com purchases. The service is designed to serve on-the-go small business owners

who might otherwise only accept cash or checks, including massage therapists, food truck operators and artists who sell their work at outdoor fairs.

Small businesses can start using Local Register by creating an account on <http://localregister.amazon.com>. Businesses must buy Amazon's card reader for \$10, and download the free mobile app from the Amazon app store, the Apple app store or Google Play. The app works on most smartphones and tablets, including the Kindle Fire.

Similar to Amazon's strategy in many of its businesses, the company aims to compete on price in the mobile payment arena. For customers who sign up for the service by Oct. 31, Amazon will take as its fee 1.75 percent of each payment processed, or each "swipe" of the card, a special rate that will last until Jan. 1, 2016. For people who sign up after Oct. 31, Amazon will take a service fee of 2.5 percent of each payment processed.

The first \$10 in transaction fees will be credited back to the customer, essentially paying for the card reader.

That's below most of its competitors' rates. Square takes a fee of 2.75 percent of each transaction. PayPal Here takes 2.7 percent of each transaction and Intuit's GoPayment rates start at 1.75 percent per transaction if businesses pay a \$19.95 monthly rate or 2.4 percent of each transaction without a monthly payment.

"I've actually heard some business owners say the only thing that would make them change (point of sale) systems is cost savings," said Matt Swann, vice president of local com-

merce for Amazon.

"Payments are hard and that's one of the things that gets in the way of serving customers, especially for small businesses," Swann said. "Payment tools need to be inexpensive, simple and trusted to get the job done."

Amazon is entering the mobile payment space as the industry continues its rapid growth. IDC estimates that mobile payments could top a trillion dollars globally within the next five



This product image provided by Amazon shows Amazon Local Register, the company's new credit-card processing device and mobile app designed to help small business owners accept payments through their smartphones and tablets.

Samsung unveils Galaxy Alpha, a metal phone to rival upcoming iPhone 6

Samsung has shed its traditional plastic shell for a metal frame on the Galaxy Alpha, its latest smartphone announced Wednesday.

The Galaxy Alpha is a shinier, ultrathin version of Samsung's flagship Galaxy S5 and will go on sale early next month, just in time to duel with the iPhone 6.

Many of the features on the Galaxy Alpha are similar to

what is expected for Apple's next smartphone. Notably, the Galaxy Alpha features a 4.7-inch screen, the same size rumored for the iPhone 6, and a metal frame, which has always been a defining characteristic of Apple's phones. The Galaxy Alpha is also just 0.26 inches thick, thinner than the current iPhone 5s.

Samsung is likely hoping

the Galaxy Alpha can help its sales once Apple announces its next device. The South Korean giant has had a tough time keeping up with Apple in 2014, with sales of the nearly year-old iPhone 5s continuing to eclipse those of the newer Galaxy S5.

Apple, meanwhile, is expected to announce the iPhone 6 on Sept. 9. (*Los Angeles Times*)

TECH Q&A

How to access Microsoft email while traveling

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: Your article about people being shut out of their Microsoft email while traveling hit home recently. I was at a hotel for a West Point graduation and another hotel in Columbus, Ohio, and couldn't access my Outlook.com email from either place. Is there an easy way around this problem?



A: Yes, there is a practical way around Microsoft's new security procedures, which are designed to protect Outlook.com accounts from hackers (see my previous column at tinyurl.com/msrrbdz), but also tend to shut out the email account holders. If you aren't logging in from your usual location, Microsoft says you must prove who you are by entering a special security code in order to access your email account. But what if you can't receive the code via an alternate email address or a smartphone text message while out of the country?

You could abandon Outlook.com and use a free email account from Gmail or Yahoo Mail. But, if you don't want to lose your Microsoft email ad-

dress (which could be Hotmail.com, Live.com or Outlook.com), have your Microsoft messages forwarded to a more user-friendly email account from another company. You can do this in Outlook.com by going to Settings (the gear wheel at the upper right of the screen), then clicking options and choosing "Email Forwarding."

Then specify a non-Microsoft email address to which you'd like your Outlook.com email forwarded. (Note that it must be a different email account from the "alternate email address" you gave when you set up your Microsoft email account.) Because Microsoft is forwarding your messages to another company's server, you won't have to deal with Microsoft's security hurdles when you retrieve your email.

Q: My daughter's computer recently quit working. A security company, which for a fee tapped into her PC to see what was wrong, said European criminals had hijacked all her documents and photos and were holding them for ransom for hundreds of dollars worth of the online currency Bitcoin. She paid the

ransom through the security firm, and a few days later her files were released. She is now copying the files onto a flash drive, and then plans to trash the PC. Are you familiar with this scheme?

A: Your daughter is the victim of a well-known scheme: Hackers encrypt PC files (making them impossible to read) and demand a ransom to return the files to normal (see my previous column at tinyurl.com/msrrbdz). Your security firm was right; the only way to get the files back was to pay the ransom. You don't need to tell the FBI because they're well aware of this scam.

Get the security firm to clean the PC; then you don't need to discard it. Your daughter probably let the hackers' malicious software into her PC by clicking on a bogus website link she received in an email. Never click on any links in an email, no matter how legitimate they appear to be.

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years. That includes all forms of mobile payments, such as items purchased online via a phone or tablet, fund transfers and items bought using a mobile gadget as a payment-accepting device.

It's difficult to isolate the exact portion of that market represented by point-of-sale mobile commerce, since the biggest player, Square, is private and doesn't divulge sales. Also, PayPal doesn't break out specific revenue from its Here product.

Baird Equity analyst Colin Sebastian said Amazon's move was partly expected since the company bought mobile payment company GoPago in 2013.

"The announcement suggests the lines between commerce and payment platforms continue to blur, and we still anticipate other large technology players (like Google and Apple) to expand their own existing payment initiatives, including in-store point-of-sale services."

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Life & Style

Williams remembered fondly by military

NEW YORK (AP)—Robin Williams was a superstar in movies, on television and at comedy clubs.

But some of his biggest laughs came at military bases.

Elizabeth O'Herrin of the Wisconsin Air National Guard remembers working the night shift in the city of Doha in Qatar, delivering munitions to American fighter jets.

It was 2004, the holiday season, and Herrin and friends camped out at the Al Udeid Air Base. A USO show was arriving, Williams was a featured performer and O'Herrin wanted front row seats.

"He had everybody roaring. It felt really good; it was the first time in a while we had had a chance to laugh," says O'Herrin, 30, now a resident of Chicago.

Members of the armed forces have long held special affection for Williams, who died Monday at age 63 after he hanged himself in his San Francisco Bay Area home. Williams never served in the military, but he was a tireless participant in USO shows and also was remembered for playing real-life Air Force sergeant and disc jockey Adrian Cronauer in the 1987 film "Good Morning, Vietnam."

O'Herrin, discharged honorably as a staff sergeant in 2008, said that Williams was "sweating profusely," but never



This Dec. 15, 2010 photo released by the U.S. Department of Defense shows actor-comedian Robin Williams performing for a USO tour at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

seemed to tire.

"I remember some of the jokes being borderline inappropriate, but we got the chance to cut loose a little bit and roll with it. Afterward, I got to meet him. I took a picture with him and shook his hand. He engaged with all the troops, gave them big hugs and big handshakes."

"He shook every hand, signed every autograph, and hugged every person," the USO said in a statement Tuesday. "He understood the energizing effect laughter has in times of stress and he channeled his incredible energy to help those experiencing the loneliness, fear and uncertainty of being far from home and loved ones the chance to relax and recharge."

Videos of Williams' USO performances proliferated online after his death was reported, along with numerous tributes from veterans, including some who on the USO Facebook page posted selfies they had taken with Williams. Sales for the "Good Morning Vietnam" DVD jumped on Amazon.com, and the video was out of stock as of midday Tuesday.

According to the USO, Williams began working with the organization in 2002 and was part of six USO tours, most recently in 2010. He performed in 13 countries, including Afghanistan, Kuwait and Turkey, and entertained more than 89,000 servicemen and women.

His shows were not for general audiences.

"Good morning, Afghanistan!" he called out in 2002 at the Bagram Air Base.

"I had a lovely military flight, thank you," Williams continued. "I love spiraling in—nothing like that to make your colon go, 'Fire in the hole!'"

Daughter of Robin Williams faced online abuse

NEW YORK (AP)—Robin Williams' daughter has abandoned her online social media accounts in disgust following what she called "cruel and unnecessary" messages following her father's death, a move that has prompted Twitter to explore how it handles such situations.

Zelda Williams, 25, wrote that she was stepping away from her Twitter, Tumblr and Instagram accounts "for a good long time, maybe forever."

The move came after at least two users upset the grieving ac-

tress by sending disturbing images and verbal attacks. In one of her last tweets on Tuesday night, Williams asked fellow users to report her alleged tormentors to Twitter managers. "I'm shaking," she wrote. One of the images was a Photoshopped image of Robin Williams purporting to be his corpse.

Well-wishers and fans online quickly rallied to Zelda Williams' defense, and the accounts of both alleged bullies were suspended by Wednesday. Facebook, which also owns Instagram, said the photo violated its policy and

was "being actively flagged and removed across both platforms as it pops up."

Twitter went further. "We will not tolerate abuse of this nature on Twitter," Del Harvey, who heads Twitter's Trust and Safety Team, said in a statement Wednesday afternoon.

"We have suspended a number of accounts related to this issue for violating our rules and we are in the process of evaluating how we can further improve our policies to better handle tragic situations like this one. This includes expanding

our policies regarding self-harm and private information, and improving support for family members of deceased users."

Last summer, Twitter introduced a one-click button to report abuse and updated its rules to clarify that it will not tolerate abusive behavior.

Zelda Williams also alluded on Instagram to users being hateful following her father's suicide: "In this difficult time, please try to be respectful of the accounts of myself, my family and my friends. Mining our accounts for photos of dad, or judging me on the number of them is cruel and unnecessary."

'The Giver' arrives, after a two-decade journey

NEW YORK (AP)—It was almost 20 years ago, and actor Jeff Bridges was searching for a movie project that would be a family affair—one in which he could direct his father, Lloyd, and that his children, then around middle-school age, would want to see.

An entry in a children's book catalog caught his eye. "It had a picture of this old grizzled guy on the cover. And I said, 'Oh, Dad could do that!'"

That book was "The Giver," by Lois Lowry, which won the prestigious Newberry Medal in 1994 and has sold over 10 million copies worldwide. He read it, then mentioned it to his kids. "They said, 'Oh, we know that, we read it in school,'" he said in an interview this week. "It turned out there were whole

curriculums based on it."

Indeed. There's hardly a middle-schooler who hasn't been assigned "The Giver" at some point. And so the film version, opening this week, isn't exactly riding the coattails of book-to-film franchises like "The Hunger Games" and "Divergent." You might actually say it started the whole craze.

But why did it take so long to get made?

"I thought, 'It's gonna be a cinch,'" Bridges chuckled. "And that was 18 years ago."

There were problems. The book, which depicts euthanasia, for one thing, was banned in some places. And because so much of the action took place inside the mind of its main character, it was hard to capture in a screenplay. At

least five or six were written. Financing proved elusive.

Years went by. And Bridges and author Lowry watched as young-adult dystopian fiction became the next big thing in Hollywood. "The Hunger Games" debuted in 2012 to huge box office, elevating Jennifer Lawrence to a mega-star; the sequel followed, with two more to come. The "Divergent" franchise launched earlier this year.

"It was kind of unnerving," said Lowry, sipping tea in a Manhattan hotel this week.

And yet, both Lowry and Bridges agree, maybe it's good that it took so long.

"At first I was saying, 'Oh darn,'" Bridges said, using a saltier term. "We missed the boat! But really, our movie wouldn't have gotten made without those



This image released by The Weinstein Company shows Meryl Streep, left, and Jeff Bridges in a scene from "The Giver."

movies leading the way." (His father died in 1998; now Bridges, a co-producer, himself plays the character of The Giver.)

Lowry, who ranks third among Amazon's top 100 authors, hopes the existence of the other films will increase the

audience for "The Giver"—adding people as yet unfamiliar with the book.

"And as for fans of the book," she adds, "we all so hope they won't be outraged by the changes that were necessary. I've been trying to reassure them!"

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'Aladdin' stage, film stars mourn Robin Williams

NEW YORK (AP)—The casts of "Aladdin"—both the 1992 film and the current Broadway hit—are honoring Robin Williams, who played the manic, fast-talking, unforgettable Genie.

Scot Weinger, who played Aladdin in the animated film, said Wednesday that working with his hero was surreal and magical, adding the world has "lost a bright light."

Weinger described himself as a lifelong Williams fan who had a "Mork" doll as a kid and a poster of "Dead Poets Society" on his wall as an emerging actor. Working with his hero was surreal and magical, he said.

Linda Larkin, who voiced Princess Jasmine in the movie, called Williams a "wild, soulful, boundless spirit," characterizing his Genie character from the movie as "the best gift ever."

AP sources: Bieber reaches plea deal in Fla. case

MIAMI (AP)—Justin Bieber will plead guilty to lesser charges stemming from his arrest in South Florida in what police initially described as an illegal street drag race, two people directly involved in the case told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The two people said the 20-year-old pop star would plead guilty to misdemeanor careless driving and resisting arrest without violence charges, rather than the original driving under the influence charge. Bieber also will agree to take an anger management course and make a \$50,000 charitable donation, in addition to paying court-ordered fines. The plea agreement does not call for any jail time.

The two people insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly before a Wednesday court hearing. Bieber is not expected to attend the hearing. The Miami Herald first reported the plea deal.

Bieber was arrested early Jan. 23 in Miami Beach after what

Their reaction came a day after the cast of Broadway's hit show "Aladdin" created their own tribute. James Monroe Iglehart, who won a Tony Award as the Genie, led the crowd at the New Amsterdam Theatre on Tuesday in a rousing version of "Friend Like Me" after the curtain went down. The show's Playbills had been stuffed with the song's lyrics and everyone was encouraged to sing along.

The Broadway community will honor Williams by dimming marquee lights for one minute Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Eastern.

Williams, who died of an apparent suicide in his San Francisco Bay Area home this week, had been on Broadway several times, most recently as a restless tiger ghost in 2011 in "Bengal Tiger at the Bagdad Zoo."

LONDON (AP)—Don't know what "vaping" is? How about "listicle"?

Perhaps it's time to get to know them. Britain's Oxford University Press said Thursday it is adding the words—along with other new entries, from "time-poor" to "Paleo diet"—to its online Oxford Dictionaries to reflect new language trends.

Editors for the site track and analyze some 150 million English words used online, in newspapers and other sources, and once every few months they decide which new words are so widely used that they merit a dictionary entry.

"These are words that are common enough that you are likely to encounter them, and may have to look up their meanings," said Oxford Dictionaries editor Katherine Martin.

One of these is "vape" or "vaping," which describes inhaling smokeless nicotine vapor using e-cigarettes. Oxford Dictionaries researchers say the usage of both "vape" and "e-cig" has increased about 10 times in the past two years.

"The trend of e-cigarettes has created a sort of vocabulary around it," Martin said.

Many new entries are informal

words or abbreviations that reflect people's changing media consumption habits and the Internet's ever-increasing prominence.

They include "listicle"—an Internet article in the form of a numbered or bullet-pointed list—and "live-tweet," the act of posting comments about an event on Twitter as it is taking place. There's also "binge-watch," which refers to rapidly viewing multiple episodes of TV shows.

Martin said inclusion in the online dictionary does not mean the words will become permanent additions to the English language. Many may not make it into the more traditional Oxford English Dictionary.

"For some of these, we will say 'What was that?' in a decade. Others may become the next selfie," she said, referring to last year's most popular new entry. "The English-speaking public will choose."

Judge: Chris Brown doing well since jail release

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge says Chris Brown has been doing well and following his probation rules since his release from jail in June.

The Grammy-winning R&B

singer appeared in a Los Angeles court Wednesday for a progress report.

Judge James Brandlin reduced Brown's drug test requirement from three times to twice a week and said he's been in compliance with his probation officer and cooperating with his therapist.

The probation department asked that his community labor requirement be bumped

from three days a week to four, but Brandlin denied the request.

Brown was jailed from mid-March until early June for violating his probation by getting into an altercation outside a Washington, D.C., hotel last year.

He was on probation after he attacked pop singer Rihanna, his then-girlfriend, before the 2009 Grammy Awards.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Pennsylvania governor: End TV series 'Amish Mafia'

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett and other politicians have signed a statement calling on the Discovery Channel to drop the series "Amish Mafia." The statement says "Amish Mafia" is a "bigoted portrayal" of the religious sect and misrepresents the Amish in Pennsylvania's Lancaster County as a "crime-ridden culture." The statement is signed by 18 elected officials, including congressmen, state senators, state representatives and Lancaster's mayor. Pennsylvania's two U.S. senators signed a similar statement. The campaign against "Amish Mafia" is being organized by a Lancaster-based group called Respect Amish. The show purports to follow a group of Amish men who enforce law and order within the community. Questions have persisted about its veracity. Discovery spokeswoman Laurie Goldberg declined comment on the letter. She has said the characters on the show are, in fact, real-life Amish.

The Boxcars top nominees for bluegrass awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Boxcars, Blue Highway and The Del McCoury Band are the leading nominees in the 2014 International Bluegrass Music Awards. The nominations were announced Wednesday in Nashville, Tennessee, by the International Bluegrass Music Association, which will hold the award show on Oct. 2 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Individually and as a five-piece group, The Boxcars received 10 nominations, including album of the year and two for song of the year. Its members, Ron Stewart and Adam Steffey, also drew individual nominations for performance and musicianship. Blue Highway received nine nominations, including entertainer of the year and album of the year, as well as nominations for band members Tim Stafford and Rob Ickes. The Del McCoury Band has six nominations with individual nominations for members Del McCoury and Jason Carter.



AP
R&B singer Chris Brown appears with his attorney Setara Qassim at a probation progress hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court after he pleaded guilty to assaulting his then-girlfriend, Rihanna, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014.

Man's affair has ended, but marriage remains in limbo

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 30 years had an affair a year and a half ago. We struggled through the aftermath and are trying to restart our relationship. He remained in touch with the other woman until she finally pulled the plug on him, and now he has no interest in talking with me about our relationship or how to improve it.

He is distant and refuses to say "I love you." He doesn't initiate hugs or kisses. He will initiate sex every so often, but I am usually the one who seems to need more contact.

When I question him, he tells me everything is all right and I am making a mountain out of a molehill. We have good times, but I really feel his lack of affection.

I don't want to leave this man. I love him dearly and have for many years. Should I keep waiting for the renewal or has my membership here lapsed and I'm just kidding myself?

FROZEN OUT IN ALASKA

DEAR FROZEN OUT: Because you love him dearly and don't want to leave him, stay put. However, everything isn't all right, and you are not making a mountain out of a molehill. Your husband appears to be punishing you for something, and unless you get to the bottom of it, your relationship with him will remain icy cold.

A licensed marriage counselor may be able to help you rebuild your relationship, but it won't happen unless he is willing to try. If he isn't, then you should go without him and let the therapist help you decide if this is the way you want to live

the rest of your life.

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Woods pulls out of US Ryder Cup consideration



NEW YORK
(AP)—Tiger Woods removed himself from consideration for the Ryder Cup team Wednesday evening with a clear message that he is not healthy enough to play.

One day after U.S. captain Tom Watson said he trusted Woods to give him the “straight skinny” on the condition of his back injury and his game, Woods said he called the 64-year-old captain to say he would not be available.

The decision spares Watson from having to leave Woods off the team, and it eliminates a distraction over the next three weeks before Watson announces his three captain’s picks for the Sept. 26-28 matches against Europe at Gleneagles.

“I have already spoken to Tom about the Ryder Cup, and while I greatly appreciate his thinking about me for a possible captain’s pick, I took myself out of consideration,” Woods said in a statement on his website. “The U.S. team and the Ryder Cup mean too much to me not to be able to give it my best.”

That he was even under consideration was mildly surprising.

Woods’ best finish this year was a tie for 25th because of nagging back issues at the start of the year that led him to have surgery on March 31. He missed two majors, including the Masters for the first time, and did not return for three months. In the four events he played upon his return, he missed the cut twice, withdrew during the final round at Firestone and finished 69th in the British Open for his worst 72-hole result in a major.

“My primary wish is for Tiger to be healthy and competitive, and I hope that he’ll return to the game very soon,”

Watson said in a statement released by the PGA of America. “Of course, I’m disappointed that Tiger Woods has asked not to be considered for the U.S. Ryder Cup team, and that his health is not where he would like it to be. However, I think we can all agree that we need Tiger Woods in this great sport, and he has taken the high road by informing me early on in the selection process.

“My focus will remain on identifying three players to join the U.S. team and give us the best chance for success at Gleneagles.”

Woods said his recent back trouble was not related to the impinged nerve that led to surgery.

He missed the cut by five shots at Valhalla, and he grimaced for the final three hours of the second round at the PGA Championship.

“I’ve been told by my doctors and trainer that my back muscles need to be rehabilitated and



In this Friday, Aug. 8, 2014 file photo, Tiger Woods winces after tee shot on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. Tiger Woods removed himself from consideration for the Ryder Cup team Wednesday evening, Aug. 13, 2014 with a clear message that he is not healthy enough to play.

healed,” Woods said. “They’ve advised me not to play or practice now. I was fortunate that my recent back injury was not related to my surgery and was muscular only.”

Woods said he would not return until his World Challenge in Orlando, Florida, the first week of December.

That would mean he doesn’t play the Frys.com Open or an exhibition in Argentina with Matt Kuchar scheduled for October. Woods was considering the Frys.com Open, a requirement for eight players who competed in an exhibition in Turkey two years ago.

Watson and Woods have never been close, and they only talked about his Ryder Cup situation for the first time a few weeks ago. Even so, Watson said all summer that he wanted Woods on the team provided he was healthy and playing well.

And while Woods was injured and not playing at all, Watson remained interested.

“I don’t make this comment loosely. He is Tiger Woods and he brings a lot to the team - if he has the ability to play and he’s healthy,” Watson said Monday. “He brings a lot to the team. And I’d be a fool not to consider him.”

Watson already has lost Dustin Johnson, who went 3-0 at Medinah in the last Ryder Cup, because he has taken a “voluntary leave” to face “personal challenges.” Jason Dufner, who went 3-1 in his Ryder Cup debut two years ago, has a neck injury and is out indefinitely. Dufner fell out of the top nine who automatically qualified.

Watson already has three rookies on his team - Jordan Spieth, Jimmy Walker and Patrick Reed - facing a European team that features Rory McIlroy

and three other players from the top five in the world.

American players have three weeks to audition for Watson before he announces his picks

Sept. 2 in New York.

This will be only the second Ryder Cup that Woods does not play. He missed the 2008 Ryder Cup at Valhalla while sitting

out the second half of the season following reconstructive knee surgery. That was the last time the Americans won the Ryder Cup.

Search for franchise QB allows teams to save cash



NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP)—The easiest decision in the NFL is forking over the big bucks

to sign Peyton Manning, Tom Brady or Drew Brees to long-term deals. Colin Kaepernick and Andy Dalton recently signed multi-million dollar contracts from teams trying to lock down their franchise quarterback.

Most clubs still are searching for a quarterback worthy of such money. This season, 19 teams will pay their projected starting quarterbacks less than \$3.5 million, or one-fifth of the \$17.5 million Jay Cutler will make from the Bears in base salary.

While teams without \$15 million quarterbacks have more money to spend on defense, other offensive weapons and depth, most NFL general managers say they would love to have the “problem” of paying a star quarterback.

“If you’ve got a good quarterback, you’ve got to pay him,” Buffalo Bills general manager Doug Whaley says. “Now if you don’t have a good quarterback, then you’re going to try to keep trying to find that quarterback. And teams like the Indianapolis Colts, the Seattle Seahawks and hopefully us, we’ve got cheap,

cheap versions of it only because of the salary cap structure and the CBA.”

Cheap doesn’t mean inferior. Andrew Luck has taken the Colts to the playoffs in each of his two seasons, and Russell Wilson has already won a championship with the Seahawks in just two years. With both on rookie contracts, their teams can afford to surround them with better players.

The early success of Luck, Wilson, Kaepernick and others has persuaded many teams to use the draft to find a quarterback who can start quickly. And some teams are more willing than ever to cut an established, but not elite starter, and go fishing for another third-round steal like Wilson.

The Titans are hoping Jake Locker, drafted in 2011, still can be their guy. But they declined to pick up his 2015 option because Locker has missed 14 of 32 games since being named the starter, and they drafted Zach Mettenberger in the sixth round for some protection. Titans general manager Ruston Webster said finding a franchise quarterback solidifies a team in a way no other position can, making it an easy decision to pay up, if you have found the right guy.

“Yeah, we all would like to be able to do that,” Webster said. “While you’re searching or developing a quarterback, though, I think the thing teams are doing - and rightfully so - is build everything else around it and make it as good as you can be. Then let the quarterback take it from there.”

The Seahawks can’t extend Wilson until 2015, so he will make a salary of \$662,434 in his third season. That’s about 4 percent of what Chicago is paying Cutler.

“It’s a big deal for us,” general manager John Schneider said. “We’ve been able to acquire other players, and they were definitely players we were able to acquire that helped us get over the top this year.”

But Schneider and vice president of football administration Matt Thomas know it won’t last. They project their salary cap up to three years, and they are preparing for a big hit once they have to pay Wilson an eight-digit salary.

San Francisco and Cincinnati have signed their young quarterbacks to lucrative extensions, but the Bengals front-loaded Dalton’s contract enough to protect themselves if the quarterback who’s 30-18 overall isn’t the answer long-

term considering his 0-3 post-season record.

Teams still saving money with young quarterbacks include the Jets with Geno Smith going into his second year, though Michael Vick is an expensive insurance policy. Rookie Johnny Manziel is pushing Brian Hoyer in Cleveland. E.J. Manuel is going into his second season in Buffalo where the Bills’ quarterback search has been ongoing since Jim Kelly retired after the 1996 season.

Houston traded Matt Schaub to Oakland and signed journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick in March after Tennessee cut him. Tampa Bay brought in Josh McCown to start ahead of second-year Mike Glennon.

Jacksonville and Minnesota believed they had drafted franchise quarterbacks in 2011 with Blaine Gabbert and Christian Ponder only to go back to the draft this year to pick Blake Bortles and Teddy Bridgewater. The Vikings are going with veteran Matt Cassel now, but the money saved on quarterbacks has allowed them to spend big in free agency at cornerback, defensive line and at wide receiver while keeping some of their own players with new deals.

Royals shut down Athletics to stay on top



KANSAS CITY, Mo.

(AP)—The crowd roared as Jason Vargas emerged from the dugout for the ninth inning, the Kansas City Royals trying to hold onto a 3-0 lead over the Oakland Athletics in a matchup of playoff hopefuls.

Five pitches later, the crowd roared even louder.

Vargas finished off his three-hitter with a flourish, breezing through the A's for his sixth career shutout. It was the second shutout by Kansas City starters in the past week and the third complete game over that stretch, a big reason why the Royals are leading the AL Central.

"That's what we want to do if we want to keep playing," said Vargas, who was making just his third start since going on the disabled list for an emergency appendectomy.

Vargas (9-5) retired the final 23 batters he faced, helping the Royals bounce back from having an eight-game winning streak snapped. They maintained their half-game lead over Detroit.

Giants 7, White Sox 1

In San Francisco, The Giants scored seven runs in the seventh inning after a video review led umpires to overturn an out call at home because Chicago catcher Tyler Flowers illegally blocked Gregor Blanco, and San Francisco went on to beat the White Sox 7-1 on Wednesday.

With out in the seventh, Chicago first baseman Jose Abreu fielded Joe Panik's broken-bat grounder to easily throw out Blanco. Giants manager Bruce Bochy challenged the play, and umpires ruled Flowers' left leg was illegally blocking the plate before the ball arrived.

White Sox manager Robin Ventura argued the call and was immediately ejected, setting off an epic protest in which he repeatedly kicked dirt on the plate.

Red Sox 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs to help the Boston wrap up its first winning road trip of more than three games this season.

Anthony Ranaudo became the first Boston rookie to start his career 2-0 since Justin Masterson won his first three in 2008 and the Red Sox finished their eight-game trip with five wins.

Skip Schumaker and Cincinnati starting pitcher Mike Leake each hit their second home runs of the season, but the Reds still ended their seven-game home stand with a 3-4 record after opening by sweeping a two-game interleague series against in-state rival Cleveland.

Indians 3 Diamondbacks 2, Game 1 Diamondbacks 1, Indians 0, Game 2

In Cleveland, Tuffy Gosewisch's RBI single with one out in the 12th inning gave Arizona a doubleheader split.

Five Arizona pitchers combined on the shutout as the Diamondbacks avoided a sweep after Cleveland won the opener on Zach Walters' homer in the ninth.

Randall Delgado (2-3), the losing pitcher in the first game, pitched the 11th. Addison Reed gave up pinch-hitter Lonnie Chisenhall's two-out double in the 12th, but struck out Jason Kipnis for his 28th save to end the 4-hour, 16-minute game.

Alfredo Marte drew a lead-off walk from C.C. Lee (0-1) to start the winning rally. After a sacrifice, Gosewisch singled up the middle for the game's only run.

Twins 3, Astros 1

In Houston, Joe Mauer homered to break a scoreless game and Kyle Gibson gave up one run in 7 2-3 innings for Minnesota.

Mauer hit a 2-2 pitch into the right field bullpen off Brett Oberholtzer (4-8) to make it 1-0. He extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a first inning single.

Gibson (11-9) scattered six hits, striking out four, and allowing one earned run.

Minnesota extended the lead to 3-0 in the eighth inning when Kennys Vargas hit a two-run single into the left field gap off reliever Josh Fields.

Chris Carter singled in a run for Houston.

Padres 5, Rockies 3

In San Diego, Rymer Liriano's first big league homer was a two-run shot in the fourth inning and Abraham Almonte also went deep to help San Diego tie its season high with five straight wins.

Jedd Gyorko tied his career-high with four hits for the Padres, who are 16-8 since the All-Star break, including winning 11 of 14. The Padres swept a series for the third time this year, all at home.

The Rockies, who have the worst record in the majors at 18-44, struck out 13 times against Ian Kennedy (9-10) and Joaquin Benoit, giving them 66 in their last six games.

Cardinals 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Justin Masterson pitched seven scoreless innings in his best outing since joining St. Louis, which averted a series sweep.

Masterson, acquired in a trade with Cleveland on July 30, allowed three hits — all singles — and no walks and threw only 91 pitches before departing for a pinch hitter.

After recording only six outs



Oakland Athletics third baseman Josh Donaldson (20) takes the throw as Kansas City Royals' Josh Willingham (7) advances to third on a throwing error to second by starting pitcher Scott Kazmir during the fourth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. AP

in his previous start, he lowered his ERA to 6.00 in three outings with the Cardinals, and 5.14 overall this year.

Nationals 3, Mets 2

In New York, Asdrubal Cabrera hit his first home run for Washington and tumbled over a retaining wall to make a terrific catch, leading the Nationals to their 10th straight victory at Citi Field.

Rafael Soriano held on in the ninth inning following Travis d'Arnaud's leadoff homer, getting the final two outs after the Mets put a pair of runners in scoring position.

Matt den Dekker was thrown out at home on pinch-hitter Eric Campbell's grounder to shortstop.

Braves 3, Dodgers 2

In Atlanta, Ervin Santana won his sixth straight start at Turner Field, Justin Upton drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning and Atlanta won for the third time in 14 games.

Andrelton Simmons returned to the lineup after missing six games with a sprained left ankle and had two RBIs for the Braves, who had lost 11 of 13.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (13-6) left the game with an apparent right leg injury after allowing six hits and three runs with two walks and

seven strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

Santana (12-6) improved to 5-0 with a 2.70 ERA in his last six starts, giving up eight hits, two runs and two walks with nine strikeouts in six innings.

Cubs 4, Brewers 2

In Chicago, Javier Baez and Anthony Rizzo hit back-to-back home runs as Chicago roughed up Kyle Lohse and Milwaukee.

Starlin Castro, Rizzo and Baez, the nucleus of Theo Epstein's rebuilding effort, drove in all four runs against the NL-leading Brewers. Castro and Chris Coghlan contributed three hits each.

Cubs starter Tsuyoshi Wada (2-1) was coasting until he was chased in the seventh, when he allowed consecutive home runs to Rickie Weeks and Martin Maldonado. Wada allowed two runs on five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Orioles 5, Yankees 3

In Baltimore, Jonathan Schoop and Adam Jones homered in a four-run eighth inning, and Baltimore Orioles rallied to sweep the two-game, rain-shortened series.

Limited to three hits through seven innings, Baltimore trailed 2-1 before Schoop tied it with a drive off Dellin Betances. Shawn

Kelley (2-4) then gave up a single and a walk before Jones hit a shot into the bullpen area beyond the center-field wall.

As the ball dropped over the fence for his 23rd home run, Jones raised his right arm in triumph as he rounded first base.

Darren O'Day (4-1) worked the eighth and Zach Britton gave up a run in the ninth en route to his 25th save.

Rays 10, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Chris Archer had a career-high 12 strikeouts in seven innings and Matt Joyce hit the first of Tampa Bay's three early home runs.

Archer (8-6) had his only two walks in the first three batters he faced. But the hard-throwing right-hander got out of the inning when Alex Rios went down swinging, the first of six consecutive Rangers he struck out.

It was Archer's third career game with at least 10 strikeouts, and two have come against the Rangers. He struck out 11 against Texas in a home game on Sept. 8, 2012, in his third career start.

Joyce homered in the first, an inning before Sean Rodriguez and Brandon Guyer hit two-run shots off righty Miles Mikolas (1-5).

Tigers 8, Pirates 4

In Detroit, Nick Castellanos homered and tripled, and Detroit rallied to snap a four-game losing streak.

The Tigers, who are suddenly facing adversity amid mounting injuries, rallied from a 4-1 deficit on a night when they had to send Buck Farmer to the mound to make his major league debut.

Farmer allowed four runs in five innings, and Blaine Hardy (2-1) followed with two scoreless innings of relief.

Castellanos put Detroit ahead 5-4 with a solo homer off Vance Worley (5-2) in the sixth. Victor Martinez added a two-run single in the seventh.

Mariners 2, Blue Jays 0

In Seattle, Kendrys Morales hit a two-run home run in the first inning and starter Hisashi Iwakuma pitched into the seventh to help Seattle complete a three-game sweep.

Morales' homer was his second in three at-bats, a span that started Tuesday night.

Iwakuma (11-6) failed to finish seven innings for the first time in eight starts, but the right-hander still struck out five without issuing a walk in 6 2-3 innings.

Three relievers bridged the gap to closer Fernando Rodney, who earned his 35th save in 38 chances. The Mariners won eight of nine on their homestand and remained tied with Detroit for the American League's second wild card.

R.A. Dickey (9-12) was shaky at times, but only allowed two runs and seven hits with four walks in six innings.

Angels 4, Phillies 3

In Anaheim, Howie Kendrick delivered a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning, and Jered Weaver pitched six resilient innings for Los Angeles.

Brennan Boesch drove in two runs for the Angels, who salvaged a 3-4 homestand by sweeping a two-game series from the last-place Phillies. Los Angeles (70-49) pulled within 2 1/2 games of Oakland atop the overall major league standings.

Marlon Byrd and Jimmy Rollins had early run-scoring singles for the Phillies, who have lost nine straight games to the Angels since 2003.

Weaver (13-7) yielded two runs and eight hits for the Angels, improving to 6-1 in his last 10 starts. The longtime Los Angeles ace pitched two days after the birth of his second child, daughter Josie.

One night after Los Angeles scored seven runs in the sixth, it scored three more against A.J. Burnett (6-13), who had shut down the Angels in the first five.

NBA schedule sends LeBron to Miami for Christmas



NEW YORK (AP) — LeBron James will play his first game since rejoining the Cleveland Cavaliers at home Oct. 30 against New York, then return to Miami for the first time on Christmas.

The NBA regular season will open Oct. 28, with the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs hosting the Dallas Mavericks in one of the three games that night.

The league released its schedule, featuring a lengthened All-Star break, on Wednesday night during an NBA TV special, with James' return to his original NBA team putting the Cavaliers in a number of prime positions.

That includes the game at Miami in the third spot on the five-game Christmas schedule, traditionally a highlight of the NBA season. James led the Heat to two championships and four NBA Finals appearances in four

years before deciding to return to his native Ohio.

The other Christmas day games are: Washington at New York; Oklahoma City at San Antonio in a rematch of the Western Conference finals; the Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago; and Golden State at the Los Angeles Clippers.

The nightcap is a rematch of a testy Christmas night matchup from last season that featured multiple ejections. The Clippers then went on to beat the Warriors in seven games in the first round of the playoffs.

The last game before the All-Star break in New York is Feb. 12, when the Cavaliers visit the Bulls. The regular season doesn't resume until the following Thursday, two days later than usual, with a doubleheader on TNT.

The three-game opening night closes with Houston visiting the Lakers, which should feature Kobe Bryant's return

from an injury-shortened 2013-14 season. Derrick Rose's first regular-season action since season-ending knee surgery early last season should come the next night, when Chicago visits the Knicks on the first full night of action.

Sterling loses appeal to block Clippers sale

In Los Angeles, Donald Sterling's latest effort to block the \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer was rejected Wednesday by a California appeals court.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals issued a brief order Wednesday saying it couldn't halt a sale that had been completed.

"The evidence before this court indicates the sale of the Los Angeles Clippers to Steven Ballmer has closed," the court wrote. "Thus, there is nothing for this court to stay."

Even if the sale hadn't closed,

the three judges said the former owner failed to show he was harmed enough to get a temporary stay.

Ballmer sealed the deal Tuesday after a probate judge cleared the way for Sterling's estranged wife to sell the

team. The Los Angeles Superior Court judge said Shelly Sterling could complete the sale she negotiated after removing her husband of 58 years from the family trust that owned the team because of questions about his mental

competence. At the time she negotiated the record price for an NBA team the league was threatening to seize the team and auction it after banning Donald Sterling for life for making derogatory remarks about blacks.

Saipan Soccer School to hold football festival



Saipan Soccer School will cap its 2014 Summer Camp with a football festival on Aug. 30 at the TSL Sports Complex.

The festival will run from 9am to 11:30 am with participants in the U8 and U10 age groups competing in a round-robin mini tournament. SSS staff and camp facilitator Jershwin Angeles said four teams will compete in each age group and they will play in a round-robin competition. Each game will be played for five minutes and the team with the most points (based on wins) will be declared champion. Prizes await the winners in the festival.

"The festival is our way of gauging how far the participants have gone since joining the summer camp that started last month. It's also our way of involving the participants' par-

ents as they will be invited to watch the games. We've been seeing first time participants with promising skills and parents also noticed improvements from their children since the start of the camp," Angeles said.

Around 40 children are enrolled in the camp, which is divided into three sessions, and SSS had to limit enrollees to give participants more time and focus during drills.

"We do drills in fun ways. We tried to incorporate fun in every session we have so we could encourage more participants. So far, a lot of them are interested and enjoying the drills. The parents are happy, too, seeing their kids learning basic football skills and socializing with other children," Angeles said.

'My Pal' schedule

Meanwhile, SSS has released the schedule of events for the inaugural CNMI "My Pal" Special Sports Fest that will

start on Monday.

SSS, together with Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and DCCA's Child Care Development Fund, is holding the event for children with disabilities. The event will begin with a torch lighting ceremony from 9am to 11:30am at the following venues: Kanoa Resort, Oleai Sports Complex, Saipan Bowling Center, Fiesta Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and TSL Sports Complex.

The remaining schedule are as follows: Aug. 18, badminton competition at TSL Sports Complex from 1pm to 3:30pm; Aug. 19, kayak at Hyatt from 9am to 11:30am and bowling at SBC from 1pm to 3:30pm; Aug. 20, baseball/softball/track and field at the Oleai Sport Complex from 9am to 11:30am and futsal/soccer at TSL Sports Complex from 1pm to 3:30pm; Aug. 21, golf at Kanoa Resort from 9am to 11:30am and basketball at TSL Sports Complex from 1pm to 3:30pm; and Aug. 22, table tennis at the TSL Sports Complex from 9am to 11:30am. A banquet will culminate the event and is set for 12pm at the TSL Sports Complex. (*Saipan Tribune*)

Tribune Sports Scores

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	69	50	.580	—
Toronto	63	59	.516	7½
New York	61	58	.513	8
Tampa Bay	59	61	.492	10½
Boston	54	65	.454	15

Central Division

Central Division				
Kansas City	65	54	.546	—
Detroit	64	54	.542	½
Cleveland	60	60	.500	5½
Chicago	57	64	.471	9
Minnesota	54	65	.454	11

West Division

West Division				
Oakland	73	47	.608	—
Los Angeles	70	49	.588	2½
Seattle	65	55	.542	8
Houston	50	71	.413	23½
Texas				

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

East Division				
Washington	65	53	.551	—
Atlanta	61	59	.508	5
Miami	59	61	.492	7
New York	57	64	.471	9½
Philadelphia	53	68	.438	13½

Central Division

Central Division				
Milwaukee	66	55	.545	—
Pittsburgh	64	56	.533	1½
St. Louis	63	56	.529	2
Cincinnati	60	60	.500	5½
Chicago	52	67	.437	13

West Division

West Division				
Los Angeles	69	53	.566	—
San Francisco	63	57	.525	5
San Diego	57	62	.479	10½
Arizona	52	68	.433	16
Colorado	46	74	.383	22

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the ball, allowing Filazek to run to home plate for the dagger.

With the loss, the CNMI bowed out of contention for the playoff berth in Pool A, as it fell to a 0-3 record. Canada gained its first win after a 0-3 start.

The battle of the winless squads was a nip-and-tuck one with the CNMI drawing first blood off Nakamura's line drive single to left field that brought Camacho home at the top of the first. Canada quickly tied the match at the bottom off Troy Treslan's RBI single. Neither team then scored in the second inning before the CNMI took a 3-1 cushion after Kenji Yamagata reached off a wild pitch in the third and M.J. Sakisat stole home at the top of the fourth.

Canada countered with four runs at the bottom of the fourth inning to grab the lead. Canada

recorded the four runs off a sacrifice fly, ground out, and Metz and Hesselink's RBI singles for a 5-3 advantage that it kept until the fifth inning.

The CNMI forced the third deadlock in the match at the top of the sixth, 5-5, off Sakisat and Deleon Guerrero's runs. Sakisat led off with a single to center field, stole second, and made it all the way home off Canada's miscues at center field and third base. Deleon Guerrero also scored off another fielding error from Canada.

The game remained even and was extended all the way to 13 innings, as neither squad failed to make it home with Canada going without a run in eight straight innings and the CNMI in the last six. The Commonwealth sluggers had a chance to win the seesaw battle in regulation when leadoff batter Darion Jones singled to right field, advanced to second off Nakamura's sacrifice, and made it to third courtesy of Jerald Ca-

brera's single. However, he was tagged out at home when he ran after Sakisat was called for the third strike out.

In the extra innings, the CNMI bets had reached third base twice, but also failed to reach home safely. Deleon Guerrero advanced to third at the top of the 10th off a fielder's choice, stolen base, and Evangelista's single, however, the former was beaten at home after Yamagata hit a ground ball. Then at the top of the 11th, it was Jesse Brel's turn to get into scoring position when he pinch ran for Jones, who earlier singled to second base, stole second, and advanced to third after a Nakamura ground out with two outs. However, Brel was stuck at third, as Cabrera flied out at first base.

Meanwhile, the CNMI will try to enter the win column today when it duels a team from Virginia in its final pool play game.

A doubles tiff in Day 5 went the distance with Ferie Arago and Aries Cordero outlasting Young Son and Jongmin Lee, 20-21, 21-19, 21-19.

In the two other men's doubles matches, Edwin Montoya and Ortega slipped past Jojo Savelano and Noli Santos in Class B, 16-21, 21-15, 21-16, while Ariel Malasarte and Patricia Abantao also made short work of Ta and Elma Labuson, 21-20, 21-17. Malasarte and Abantao partnered, too, in Class C and triumphed over Reyes and Baby Banadera, 21-14, 21-18.

In the women's A doubles, the youthful pair of Jen Savelano and Janine Pangilinan swept Windy Fernandez and Lani Bartolome, 21-16, 21-13. In the men's division, Andreau Galvez and Deether Edralin also downed Jordan Pangilinan and Ezekiel Macario after only two games, 21-9, 21-15, while Shintaro cruised past Montoya, 21-10, 21-19. In the women's B singles, Dianne Francisco won via forfeiture against Toshiko Obata.

Favor switched anew in the third with I Love Saipan reclaiming the upper hand, 60-56. The two teams then split the remaining two games, 21-16, 21-19, and 21-18, 21-16. The CNMI finished with a 3-3 record in the men's division and 2-2 in the women's. The CNMI will play in the men's and women's mixed doubles on Saturday.

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via sweeps. They first defeated Celso Agui and Sato San, 21-17, 21-15, before topping Ariel Mariano and Ray Musada, 21-12, 21-16. In the third men's 35-and-above tiff, Oh Im Bog and Young Son Yu battled back from an opening game loss to down Panapa Peteru and Joel Ortega, 17-21, 21-14, 21-11.

In the women's doubles 35-and-above division, Elna Curate and Roxe Lazaro and Loyda Ito and Gigi Zapanta recorded wins in similar f

Saipan Soccer School Summer Camp

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Participants in the Saipan Soccer School's 2014 Summer Camp pose for a photo while waiting for the resumption of the drills at the TSL Sports Complex.



U10 participants pose for a photo after finishing the two-hour session.



U8 players battle for possession.



U8 players participate in a scrimmage.



Saipan Soccer School's Ruselle Zapanta leads the dribbling drills.



Two U10 players practices their dribbling skills.



U10 players wait for the start of the drills from the baseline.



Two players fight for the ball, while other participants in the scrimmage anticipate the next play.



Two U8 division camp participants pose for a photo during a break in their scrimmage.



Participants exchange hi-fives with the staffs from Saipan Soccer School after completing a two-hour session.



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CNMI loses 13-inning thriller vs Canada

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The CNMI suffered a sorry loss to Canada, 5-6, in a 13-inning marathon in the Senior League World Series yesterday at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium in Bangor Maine.

Canada scored the winning run at the bottom of the 13th inning with the CNMI Senior League All-Stars just one out away from closing



3 play when Jordan Bieber was hit by a pitch from closer Virolanson Secharmidal. A wobbled Bieber walked back to the dugout in out the frame and keeping the standoff. The Commonwealth batters got the two quick outs after Franco Nakamura caught a foul ball from Canada's leadoff batter Brandon Metz and second baseman A.J. Evangelista picked up a ground ball from Ermel and threw it to first baseman Nathan Camacho.

Canada then avoided a 1-2-

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Doubles matches highlight Day 5 of Shirley's tourney

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 Day 5 action in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic was dominated by doubles matches with

12 team games out of the 16 taking place last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the men's doubles 35-and-above division, the pair of Cris Hilario and Patrick Fernandez went 2-0, winning both games

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Young Yu returns a low shot, while his teammate Oh Im Bog stays back during their men's doubles 35-and-above game against Joel Ortega and Panapa Peteru in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Degree gets first win; Blue Haus keeps streak

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 Degree barged into the win column, while Blue Haus extended its streak after earning contrasting victories in the 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Degree edged I Love Saipan in the second game, 80-78, to notch its first win after a 0-5 start, while Blue Haus domi-

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